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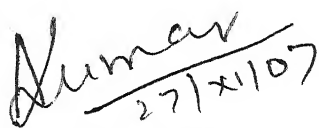
  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1. INTRODUCTION TO OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES**

#### **1.1.1. An Overview**

During the last 1930s in England and early 1940s in United States, the use of scientific methods was extensively made to analyze optimization problems. World War II challenged both countries at this time to develop optimal solution for allocation, transportation and multi-variable type problems. The modeling techniques studied by operations researchers in 1940s and 1950s usually required algebra or calculus for solution purposes. Mathematical Programming is one of the most powerful tools for optimization of communication parameters and it is still used today by the researchers, to describe the structuring of mathematical symbols into a model or program. These problems first arose in the field of economics where allocation problems had been a subject of deep interest.

During World War II, a group of researchers sought to solve allocation type problems for the United States Air Force. One of the members of this group formulated and devised a solution procedure in 1947 for linear programming type problems. This solution procedure, called the simplex method, marked the beginning of the field of study called Mathematical Programming. It is useful for finding an optimal solution to a

complex problem involving many interrelated variables. It also simplifies exposition of many network problems and helps in finding optimal results which management must implement to realize its objectives. In 1972, [TURB 1972], surveyed a large number of United States Corporations on their use of operation research activities. One of his conclusions was that individuals within organization were more often viewing decisions making situations as a management science type problem requiring some types of mathematical modelling, than ever before observed in the past.

Markland and Newett [MARK 1972] voiced concern in their study on the misuse of mathematical programming and future problems that can be caused by the ineffective use of management science practitioners who fail to consider implementation as a part of every study undertaken in management science. Some surveys [RADN 1973, GRAY 1973, FABO 1976] sought specific information on the use of mathematical programming techniques. One of these surveys conducted by Fabozzi and Valaente [FABO 1976] examined the use of mathematical programming methodology and where in the organization it was used.

A similar study was conducted by Ledbetter and Cox [LEDB 1977]. They found that many organizations were using the mathematical programming techniques as reported by Fabozzi and Valaente as well as other management science methodologies. An important area of development of mathematical programming concerns with the use of computer in operation research. More and more computer software are being developed every day making the computational aspects of mathematical programming less complex. Time-sharing and interactive computer systems are also influencing a de-



emphasis on computational experience and more on problem formulation. During the last decade, mathematical programming approaches have gained immense importance for solving task allocation and load balancing problems in communication systems [CHU 1980a, CHU 1980b, MA 1982, SINC 1987, and REID 1994].

### 1.1.2. Mathematical Programming Problems

During the last decade, mathematical programming techniques have been recognize as the most powerful methods for modelling and analyzing several kind of problems. Many research problems are formulated in the form of mathematical models, which describe the quantitative features of all types of problems. Mathematical programming techniques are used for the formulation and solution of research problems by systematic planning of various activities. The basic problem in mathematical programming is to find the unknown values of some variables, which will optimize the value of the objective function subject to a set of constraints. Most of the mathematical programming problems can be formulated in the following general form [KWAK 1987]:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Maximize (or Minimize) } Z = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ &\text{subject to } \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq \geq b_i \text{ (for } i=1,2,\dots,m) \\ &\text{and } x_j \geq 0 \text{ (for } j=1,2,\dots,n) \end{aligned}$$



Where,

- $Z$  = value of the objective function which measures the effectiveness of the decision choice,
- $x_j$  = unknown variables that are subject to the control of the decision maker,
- $c_j$  = unit profit contribution of an output or cost of an input which is known,
- $a_{ij}$  = production (or technical) coefficients that are known, and
- $b_i$  = available resources in limited supply.

Production of goods, in any organization, requires productive resources, which are in short supply in the real world, and they are, therefore, restricted resources. These restricted resources are expressed as equalities or inequalities in mathematical programming models. The decision maker's goal is to find the values of the decision variables within limits and to optimize the value of the objective function.

## **1.2. INTRODUCTION TO DATA COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1.2.1. The Need of Study**

The reasons for studying data communications can be summed up in the occupational history of the United States. In the 1800s they were an agricultural society dominated by farmers. By the 1900s they had moved into an industrial society dominated by labor and management. Now, as they approach the twenty-first century, they clearly have moved into the information society, which do computers, data communications, and highly skilled individuals who use brainpower instead of physical power dominate. The

industrial society has reached its zenith, and the communication/computer era, started in mid 1950s, which is dubbed the information society, is advancing rapidly.

In an information society dominated by computers and communications, value is increased by knowledge as well as by the speed of movement of that knowledge. This new information economy will completely destroy Ricardo's labor theory of value, because, in such a society, what increases value is not the labor of individuals, but information.

The main stream of the information age is a communication network. The value of a high-speed data communication network that transmits knowledge/information is that it brings the message sender and the message receiver closer together in time. For example, in the 1800s it might have taken several weeks for specific information to reach the United States from England. By the 1900s it could be transmitted within an hour. Today, with modern data communication systems, it can be transmitted within seconds.

Finally, the transition from an industrial to an information society means that we have to learn many new technologically based skills. The study of data communications has become a basic tool that can be used throughout our lifetime. We incorporate our knowledge of data communications into several careers such as circuit designer, programmer, business system application developer, communication specialist, and business manager.

### 1.2.2. Evolution

Today we take data communications for granted, but it was early pioneers like Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, and Thomas Edison who developed the basic electrical and electronic systems that ultimately became today's voice and data communication networks.

When the telephone arrived, it became the accepted communication device that everyone wanted. Several technological enhancements were made in telephonic technology from 1837 to 1951 and it was in 1951 that the first direct long distance customer dialing began. The first international satellite telephone call was sent over the Telstar satellite in 1962. In 1963, touch-tone telephones began to be marketed. Their push buttons were easier to use than rotary dials, and they became quite popular. By 1965, there was widespread introduction of commercial international telephone service by satellite.

Picture phone service, which allows users to see as well as talk with one another, began operating in 1969. All through the 1970s there were many arguments and court cases regarding the monopolistic position that A T & T held over other companies that wanted to offer communication services. The litigation led to the divestiture of AT&T on January 1, 1984.

During 1983-84 the newer cellular telephone networks supplanted traditional radio telephone-type calls. Integrated Services Digital Networks [ISDN] began serving

the public in 1986. These networks allow the simultaneous transmission of voice, data, and video images [FITZ 1988].

During the 1987 there was considerable competition in both the voice and data communication markets as a number of independent companies began to sell communication services in a manner similar to that of automobile marketing. And now we have smaller and less expensive portable telephones to carry around everywhere.

### **1.2.3. The Indian Scenario**

India is a resource rich fast developing country where telecommunication has passed from the stage of convenience to essentiality. Computers have entered in a big way in Indian society. As on March 31 1986, it was estimated that the country had about 3050 super, mainframes and minis and 7000 micros and personal computers. The number of microcomputers and personal computers is growing fast. The idea of computer networking has been widely accepted in government organizations. The National Informatics Center [NIC] has been doing this for planning purposes to Govt. of India. NICNET computer and communication facilities have provided nation-wide links to make the computing resources available at the places from where the information emanates [AGAR 1995].

The Indian society has now clearly realized the importance of communications, which may be in its various forms including telephones, memorandums, telex, mail, reports etc. Attempts have been made by the organizations like Telecommunications

Research Center [TRC] to produce prototype model of several important communication systems. Electronic mail, facsimile equipment, modems, teletext voice mail etc. have been developed, integration of computer communication with special digital switches, ISDN, has also been tried. This has put India in the forefront of telecommunication services. The Govt. of India has realized that without a better and secure telecom system the fruits of development can never be fairly distributed, be it in education, economics, rural development or international trade and banking.

The development of efficient communication systems has opened new vistas in electronic industries. The OSI technology is coming up fast and fiber optics technology has also entered into the scene. Optical fiber computer communication networks [Fibre LANs] are now being developed in India. To meet the telematics challenge in the country, the IITs and some university departments have begun setting up facilities to train the scientists and the technicians, engaged in futuristic research and develop new systems in communication technology.

### **1.3. COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

#### **1.3.1. Meaning of Communication System**

The on-set of the microprocessor technology has made the Communication System [CS] economically viable and attractive for many applications of computer. However, many problem areas in communication system are still in their primitive development stages. CS is increasingly drawing attention, yet has a meaning that is not understood.

In a CS several computers interconnected in some fashion such that a program or procedure utilizes this distributed but combined power and gets executed in real time. The term has different meanings with regard to different systems, because processors can be interconnected in many ways for various reasons. In its most general form, the word distribution implies that the processors are fixed in geographically separated locations. Occasionally, the term is also applied to an operating environment using multiple mini-computers not connected with each other with the help of physical communication lines but are connected through satellite. A user-oriented definition [BHUT 1994, SITA 1995] of distributed computing is "Multiple Computers, utilized cooperatively to solve problems".

### 1.3.2. Main Aspects of Communication Systems

While addressing task allocation issues in a CS, the following are important aspects need to be consideration:

- (i) **Multiplicity of resources:** There are a number of resources, in particular, processors. Homogeneity of physical resources is not essential. A system may have processors with identical characteristics and capabilities.
- (ii) **Dispersion:** The resources in the system are physically or logically distributed. AU the processors are independent and tied together by communication links. The communication links provide means for transferring information between the processors.



(iii) **Control:** All the processors in the system are autonomous and there is no master and slave relation among the processors. For the user, the collection of processors should be invisible, the multiple processor system should appear as virtual uniprocessor, and users need not know on which machine their programs are running and where their files are stored.

(iv) **Transparency:** All the processors in the system are autonomous and there is no master-slave relationship among them. The fact there are several co-operating processors in the system must be invisible (transparent) to the user and a single image is presented to the user. The system should appear as a uniprocessor system and users need not know on which machine their programs are executing and where the data or files are stored.

(v) **Flexibility:** Flexibility is an important aspect of a distributed system. It means that should be easy to incorporate changes in a user transparent manner or with minimum interruption to the user. Further, in every system, new functionalities are to be added from time to time to make it more powerful and easy to use. Therefore, It should be easy to add new services to the system.

(vi) **Performance:** The performance of the distributed system must be at least as good as a centralized system. That is when a particular application is run on distributed system, Its overall performance should be better than or at least equal to that of running the same application on a single processors system.

(vii) **Scalability:** Scalability refers to the capability of a system to adapt to increased service load. A distributed system must be able to cope with the growth of nodes and users in the system.

(viii) **Security:** Security must be provided in the system to prevent destruction and unauthorized access so that user can trust on the system and rely on it.

### 1.3.3. Machine Size Vs Instruction Execution

Communication Systems provides much faster execution by facilitating parallel execution of tasks. A major driving force towards distributed processing is the cost of small processors. Until the spread of mini computers in the early 1970s, a commonly accepted rule was Grosch's Law, which said, "*The cost per machine instruction executed is inversely proportional to the square of the size of the machine*". Grosch's Law became questionable in the 1970s. Even some people suggested that it had been reversed because the cost per instruction on some mini-computers was lower than on large computers and on microprocessors was lower than mini-computers. The reason is related to the use of Very Large Scale Integrated [VLSI] circuits, which can be mass-produced economically. Their development cycle is much shorter than that of large machines.

### 1.3.4. The Logical Vs Physical Design

The implementation of communication systems depends both on logical and physical premises. The logical functions center on the procedural design for channeling the flow of data and controlling the physical facility throughput of the projected system



configuration. The object' of the physical functions is the design of the hardware and hard-software [firmware] devices to provide a specific level of capability. Functions will be distributed both to machines in the computer center and too many machines at user locations. This trend of the distribution of processing is continuing because software usage of machine instructions per second is growing much faster than the development of higher speed machines. The CS is motivated by the need for cost reduction in tasks executing.

### **1.3.5. Distributed Vs Parallel Computing**

In some computer networks, the control mechanism is mostly centralized. In others, they are mostly distributed. Where purely centralized control exists, loss of the center puts the entire network out of action. With the distributed control any portion of network can be destroyed and the rest will continue to function. Although computation speed has increased several folds over the past three decades of computing, the user demand for faster speeds is growing at a much faster rate. One of the approaches to meet the growing demand of faster computation is to use parallel processing. Parallel computers, which emphasize parallel processing, may be employed. Parallel computers are available with different architectures [FORT 1985, STON 1987, BOKH 1988] and divided in to three classes: array computers, pipeline computers and multiprocessor systems. To name a few are IBM 3081, Denelcor HEP, Cray x-MP and PARAM systems. All the parallel computers described above are centralized computing items and all hardware and software resources are housed at the same place.

### 1.3.6. Types of Communication Systems

#### 1.3.6.1. Horizontal Vs Vertical Distribution

By Vertical distribution we mean that there is a hierarchy of processors, shown in Fig.1.1 [MART 1988]. The transaction may enter and leave the computer system at the lowest level. The lowest level may be able to process the transaction or may execute certain functions and pass it up to the next level. Some, or all, transactions eventually reach the highest level, which will probably have access to on-line files or databases. The computers at the lowest level can be networked together, if data sharing is required.

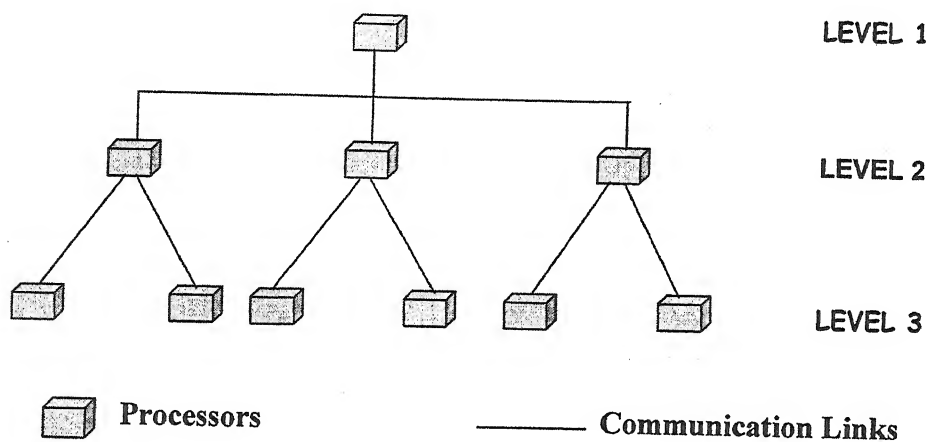
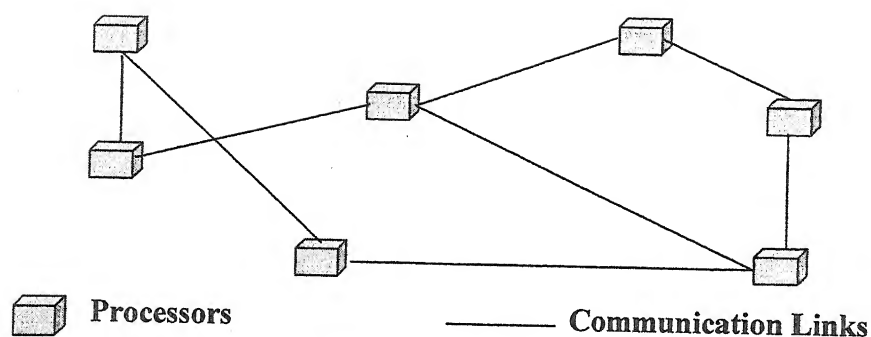


Figure 1.1 Vertical Distributions

A horizontal distribution implies that the distributed processors do not differ in rank. They are of equal status-peers and referred as peer-coupled systems. A transaction may use only one processor, although there are multiple processors available. On some peer-coupled systems a transaction may pass from one system to another causing different set of files to be updated as depicted in Fig.1.2 [MART 1988].



**Figure 1.2 Horizontal Distributions**

### **1.3.6.2. Functional Distribution Vs System Distribution**

In some distributed systems, usually vertical systems, functions are distributed, but not the capability to fully process entire transactions. The lower-level machines may be intelligent terminals or intelligent controllers in which processors are used for functions such as message editing, screen formatting, data collection dialogue with terminal operators, security, or message compaction concentration. They do not complete the processing of entire transactions.

This distribution is referred as functional distribution and is contrasted with system distribution in which the lower-level machines are systems their own right, processing their own transactions, and occasionally passing transactions or data up the hierarchy to higher level machines.

In a system distribution environment the lower machines may be entirely different from, and incompatible with, the higher machines. In a function distribution environment, close cooperation between the lower-level and higher-level machines is vital. Overall system standards are necessary to govern what functions are distributed and exactly how the lower and higher machines form part common system architecture with appropriately integrated control mechanisms and software.

### 1.3.7. Feature of Communication System

There are a variety of reasons for building any communication System, some of them are as follows:

- (i) **Computational Speedup:** Computational speedup can be achieved if a particular computation can be partitioned into a number of sub-computations that can run concurrently. A distributed system may allow user to distribute the computation among the various sites – to run that computation concurrently. In addition, if a particular site is currently overloaded with the jobs, some of them may be moved to other, lightly loaded, sites.
- (ii) **Fault Tolerance:** One of the real attractions of distributed processing is the resulting high fault tolerance. If a communication link or a site fails in a distributed system, the remaining sites can potentially continue operating. However, this may reduce the overall throughput of the system.

- (iii) **Increased Throughput:** The throughput of the system is expected to increase by distributing the total workload to the various service stations. As in a distributed system there are a number of processing elements, one would hope to get more work done in shorter period of time.
- (iii) **Communication:** In the distributed system it is quite often the programs running at different sites need to exchange data with one another. When a number of site are connected to one another by a communication network, the processes at different sites have the opportunity to exchange the information.
- (iv) **Resource Sharing:** If a number of sites are connected to one another, then a user at one site may be able to use the resources available at another. In general, resource sharing in a distributed system provides mechanisms for sharing files at remote sites, processing information in a distributed database, printing files at remote sites, utilizing specialized hardware devices, and performing other operations.

#### 1.3.8. Application area of Communication Systems

Distributed processing plays an important role in large data base installations where processing load is distributed for organizational efficiencies. Banking system, travel agency systems, and power control systems are few examples of distributed processing environment. The application that exhibits parallelism, involving enormous repetitive processing and/ or requiring extremely fast processing in a real-time environment demand Communication Systems. To name a few such type of application

are signal processing, meteorology, image analysis, cryptography, nuclear reactor control, solar & radar surveillance, simulation of VLSI circuits, and industrial process monitoring.

#### 1.4 TASK ALLOCATION

The task allocation in a communication system finds extensive applications in the faculties where large amount of data is to be processed in relatively short period of time, or where real-time computations are required. Meteorology, Cryptography, Image Analysis, Signal Processing, Solar and Radar Surveillance, Simulation of, VLSI circuits and Industrial process monitoring are areas of such applications. These applications require not only very fast computation speeds but also different strategies involving distributed task allocation systems. In such applications the quality of the output is proportional to the amount of real-time computations.

To meet such challenging computing requirements at electrifying speeds some efficient task allocation strategies are required for proper utilization of such system under the constraints as:

- (i) Memory capacity available at each processor and
- (ii) Time constraints in executing task.

The advent of VLSI technology resulting in low cost microprocessor has made CS an economic reality in today's computing environment. The modularity, flexibility and reliability of CS make it attractive to much type of users, and several CSs have been designed and implemented in recent years.



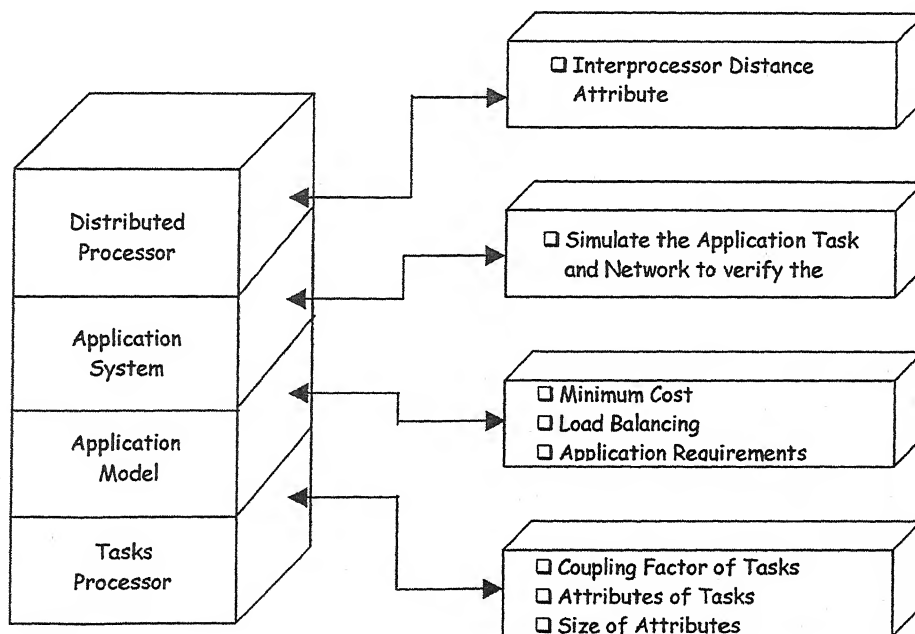
The first step in the distributed software engineering is to partition application program into a set of smaller independent tasks and allocates them to different processors. To enable the increasing variety of computers to communicate with one another, there must be rigorously defined protocols as to (i) how the Control Message [CM] and Data Message [DM] are exchanged in the CS and (ii) how to control the communication process along with the protocol definition.

The format of the CMs, the headers and the trailers of DMs are likewise rigorously defined. Protocol becomes quite complex, as it is desirable that there should be a widely accepted standard so that all types of machines can inter communicate. However, many problematic areas in the CSs are still in their primitive development stage. Some major problems present the following widespread uses CS are:

- (i) The degradation in system throughput caused by the saturation effect,
- (ii) The difficulty in evenly utilizing each processor in the CS,
- (iii) A large gap between the engineering application requirements and existing distributed network architecture and
- (iv) The difficulty in verifying task allocation resulted from any allocating model.

Communication Systems have been so complex that intuition alone is not sufficient to predict their performance. Therefore, mathematical modeling plays an important role for predicting the performance of the CS. Mathematical models of system performance range from relatively simple ones, whose solution can be obtained analytically, to the complex ones, which require simulation.

Assigning tasks to processors is called task allocation, which involves the allocation of tasks to processors in such a way that some effectiveness measures are optimized. If the effectiveness measure can be represented as a linear function of several variables subjected to a number of linear constraints involving these variables, then the task allocation is classified as a linear programming problem. Likewise, for the processor, which can perform any of the several tasks, possibly the difference of execution, and the effectiveness measure is the total processing time to perform all tasks when one and only one task is allocated to each processor. In such cases, task allocation is classified as an assignment problem. Assigning "m" tasks to "n" processors, through exhaustive enumeration, results in  $n^m$  possible ways. A general structure of task allocation is shown in Fig.1.3.



**Figure 1.3: General Structure of Tasks Allocation**



Shatz and Wang [SHAT 1987] studied that the problem of choosing an Optimal Allocation from all assignments is exponentially complex. An efficient task Allocation policy should avoid excessive Inter Processor Communication [IPC] and exploit the specific efficiencies of the processors and in case of a system having similar processor, the tasks or modules should be distributed as evenly as possible. The bottleneck in IPC is to provide linear speed up solutions with the increase in number of processors as suggested by Chu et al and Lint et al. [CHU 1980a, LINT 1981].

The strategies of task allocation on a parallel and distributed system may be done in any of the following ways:

- (i) **Static Allocation:** In static allocation when a task is assigned to processor, it remains there while the characteristic of the computation change, a new assignment must be computed. The phrase "**characteristics of the computation**" means the ratios of the times that a program spends in different parts of the program. Thus in a static allocation, one is interested in finding the assignment pattern that holds for the life time of a program, and result in the optimum value of the measure of effectiveness.
- (ii) **Dynamic Allocation:** In order to make the best use of resources in a distributed system, it is essential to reassign modules or tasks dynamically during program execution, so as to the advantage of changes in the local reference patterns of the program [MANI 1998]. Although the dynamic allocation has potential performance advantages, Static allocation is easier to realize and less complex to operate.

### 1.4.1

### Task Allocation Problem

Consider a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n\}$ , of "n" processors interconnected by communication links and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_m\}$  of "m" executable tasks. The allocation of each "m" tasks to "n" available processors such that an objective cost function is minimized subject to the certain resource limitations and constraints imposed by the application or environment.

An assignment of tasks to processors is defined by a function  $f$ , from the set of tasks  $T$  to the set of processors  $P$ ,  $f: T \rightarrow P$ . Then the total cost or Time of an allocation  $x$  can be expressed as follows:

$$Cost(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ e_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{k < i} \sum_{l < j} c_{ik} d_{jl} x_{ij} x_{kl} \right]$$

where,

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$e_{ij}$  = cost of executing task  $t_i$  on processor  $p_j$

$c_{ik}$  = Communication between tasks  $t_i$  and  $t_k$

$d_{jl}$  = distance between processors  $p_j$  and  $p_l$

Researchers have identified several approaches to the task allocation models. The following of them are concern with our work:

### 1.5.1 Graph Theoretical Approaches

The graph theoretical approaches suggest graphical methods to represent and allocate application tasks to various processors in a communication system. In most of the graph theoretical approaches, the solution processes begins with the abstraction of tasks and inter task communication cost through a graph model in which tasks are represented by nodes and inter task communications as weights on the non-directed edges connecting these nodes. By performing the min-cut algorithm the graph minimizes the total computation cost. These approaches do consider load balancing, resource limitation, and generalization issues without giving much consideration to the computing time and complexity. Graph theoretical algorithms become NP-hard for CS consisting of reasonable number of processors.

### 1.5.2 The Integer Programming Approaches

The integer programming approaches are based on the direct enumeration algorithms subject to the additional constraints. This allows real time embarrassments, and rather complicates it to be incorporated into the allocation model to meet various application requirements. These approaches are limited and do consider the system

resources limitation, the amount of real time computation, and memory needed to obtain an optimal solution, as these grow exponential functions of the order of the problem.

### **1.5.3 The Heuristic Approaches**

The heuristic approaches provide approximate solutions to task allocation and load balancing problems. These approaches require less computation time as compared to the integer programming methods and are applicable in the situations where an optimum solution is not achievable within the reasonable time limit.

## **1.6 INTRODUCTION TO RELIABILITY**

Reliability theory has grown into an engineering science in its own right following the World War II. Much of the initial theory, engineering, and management techniques centered about hardware, however, human and procedural elements of a system were often included. Since the late 1960s the term software reliability has become popular, and now reliability theory refers to both software and hardware reliability [SHOO 1983].

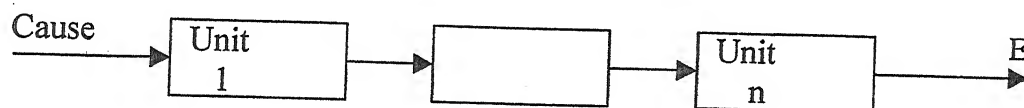
### **1.6.1 Combinational Reliability**

In performing the reliability analysis of a complex system, it is almost impossible to treat the system in its entirety. The logical approach is to decompose the system into functional entities composed of units, sub systems, or components. Each entity is assumed to have two states, one operational and one failed. The sub division generates a block-diagram or fault-tree description of system operation. Models are then formulated

to fit this logical structure, and the calculus of probability is used to compute the system reliability in terms of the sub division reliabilities.

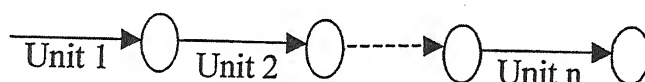
### 1.6.2 Series Configuration

The simplest and perhaps the most common structure in reliability analysis is the series configuration. In the series case the functional operation of the system depends on the proper operation of all system components. A series reliability configuration is portrayed by the block-diagram representation shown in Figure 1.4(a) and the reliability graph shown in Figure 1.4(b). In either case, a single path from cause to effect is created. Failure of any component is represented by removal of the component, which interrupts the path thereby causes the system to fail.



**Block Diagram of Series with n-components**

**Figure 1.4(a)**

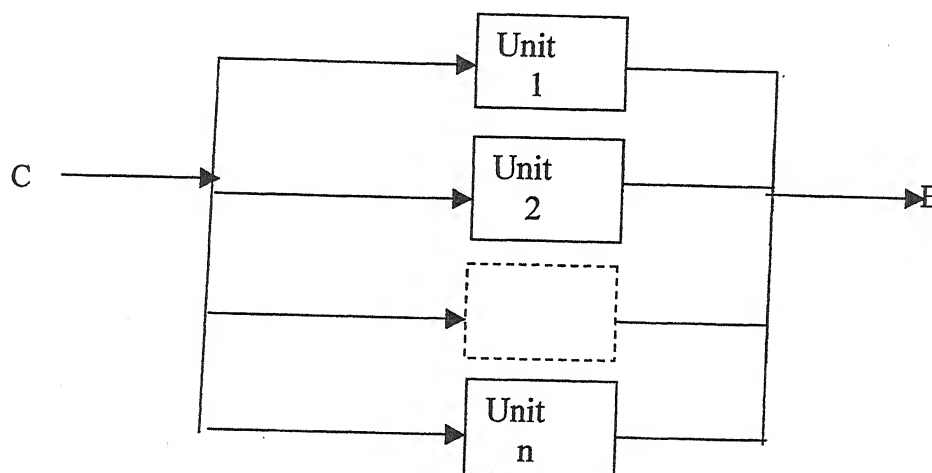


**Reliability Graph of a Series system with n-components**

**Figure 1.4 (b)**

### 1.6.3 Parallel Configuration

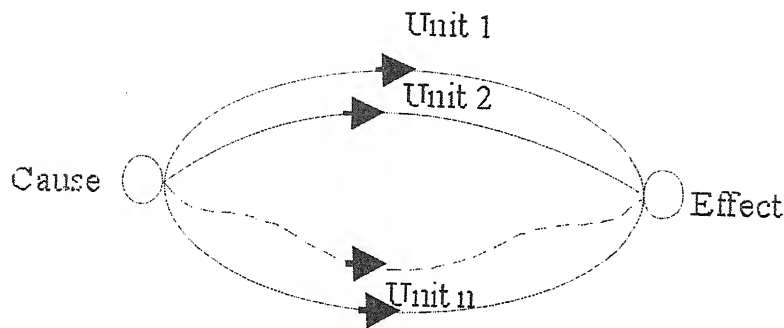
In many systems several signal paths perform the same operation. If the system configuration is such that failure of one or more paths still allows the remaining path or paths to perform properly, the system can be represented by a parallel model. Block diagram and reliability graphs for a parallel system are shown in Figures 1.5(a) and 1.5(b) respectively. There are "n" paths connecting input to output, and all units fail; in order to interrupt all the paths. This is sometimes called a redundant configuration.



**Block Diagram of Parallel System with n-components**

**Figure 1.5 (a)**





**Reliability Graph of a Parallel System with n- Components**  
**Figure 1.5 (b)**

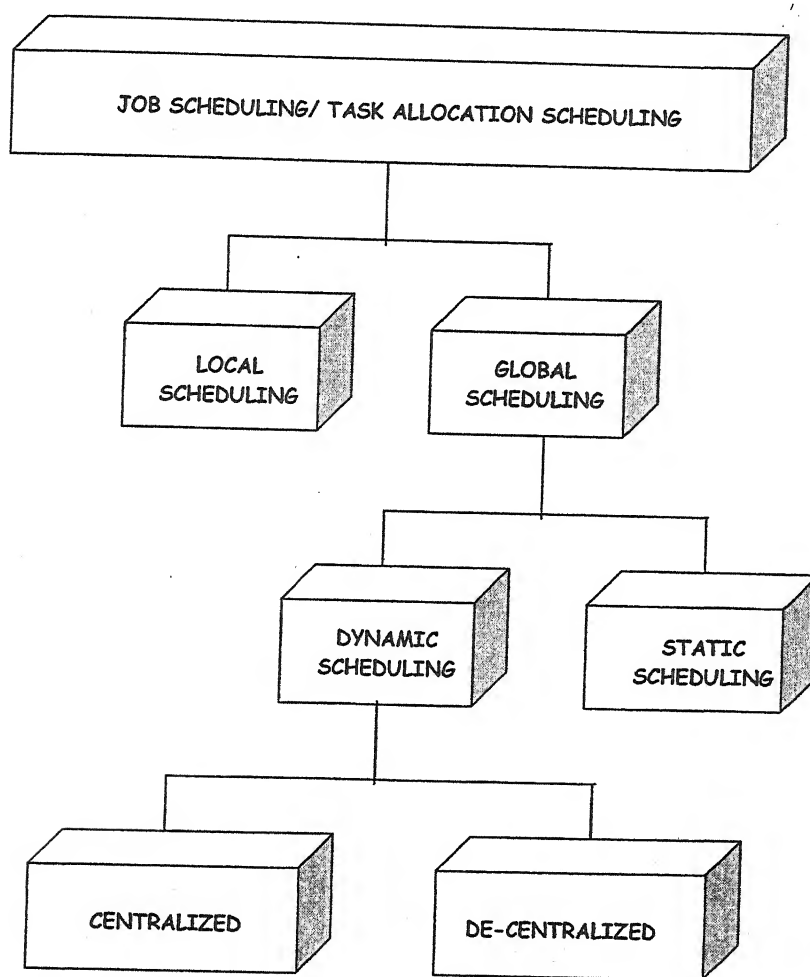
#### 1.6.4 An-r-Out-of-n Configuration

In many problems the system operates if “r” out of “n” units function e.g., a bridge supported by “n” cables, “r” of which are necessary to support the maximum load. One can draw a reliability graph as an aid. Each parallel path will contain “r” different elements, corresponding to the combinations of “n” things “r” at a time.

### 1.7 SCHEDULING POLICIES IN A CS

The scheduling policies in a CS have two categories such as job scheduling and task scheduling. Job scheduling allocates independent jobs to different processors to optimize system performance. Task allocation scheduling requires assignment of multiple interdependent tasks or modules of a single allocation program to minimize job completion time. The decision of scheduling policies is required at several levels within CS as shown in Fig. 1.6. At higher level the decision about local or global scheduling might be desired to make. The local scheduling policies decide about the allocation of a task or a job to the time slots for a single processor [BUCK 1979, CASA 1988]. The global scheduling relates to the problem of deciding where jobs or tasks [ROTI 1994]

run. In the next lower level is the choice between static and dynamic in a global scheduling. Static scheduling is prior assignments tasks to the processors where the allocation does not change during the lifetime of tasks. While in dynamic scheduling the allocation decision is made during execution of tasks. Further there are two type of dynamic scheduling: centralized and decentralized. If there is a single decision point, the dynamic scheduling is known as centralized and if the decision-making is spread throughout the system it is known as de-centralized.



**Figure 1.6: Taxonomy of Scheduling**



## 1.8. DEFINITIONS, ASSUMPTIONS AND NOTATIONS

### 1.8.1 Definitions

- (i) **Inter Task communication Time:** The Inter Task Communication Time  $t_{ik}$  of the interacting task's  $t_i$  and  $t_k$  depends on the period in which data units exchanged between them during the time execution.
- (ii) **Execution Time:** Each task  $t_i$  has an Execution Time  $et_{ij}$  (where  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) that depends on the processor  $P_j$  to which it is assigned and the duration of work to be formed by the task.
- (iii) **Load Balancing:** Spreading the total load of a program / application on the available processing elements as evenly as possible is referred to as load balancing.

### 1.8.2. Assumptions

To cope up with the real life problems and to keep the algorithms reasonable in size the following assumptions are made:

- (i) The number of tasks to be allocated is more than the number of processors, as normally is the case, in the real life CSs.
- (ii) Whenever two or more tasks are assigned to the same processor the Inter Tasks Communication Time between them is assumed to be zero.
- (iii) Whenever two or more tasks are assigned to the Inter Processor Distance between them is assumed to be zero.
- (iv) If a task is not executable on a certain processor due to absence of some resources, the Execution Time of the task is taken to be infinite ( $\infty$ ).

### 1.8.3 Notations

CT	:	Communication Time
CTM(.)	:	Communication Time Matrix of Order $m \times m$
$et_{ij}$	:	Time of execution of the $i^{th}$ task on the $j^{th}$ processor
CRM(.)	:	Communication Reliability matrix of order $m \times m$
CR	:	Communication Reliability
CUR	:	Communication Unreliability
CURM(.)	:	Communication unreliability Matrix of order $m \times m$
ET	:	Execution Time
ETM(.)	:	Execution Time Matrix of order $m \times n$
EUR	:	Execution Unreliability
EURM(.)	:	Execution Unreliability Matrix of order $m \times m$
IPROD	:	Total number of assignments (Combinations)
$m$	:	Number of Tasks
$n$	:	Number of Processors
MCT(.)	:	An array to store Maximum Communication Time
nar	:	Counter for Allocation
NETM(.)	:	Modified Execution Time Matrix of order $n \times n$
NERM(.)	:	Modified Execution Reliability matrix of order $n \times n$
NEURM(.)	:	Modified Execution Unreliability Matrix of order $n \times n$
P	:	Set of Processors $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n\}$
PCOMB	:	An Array to store processors combinations
POS[,]	:	A matrix to store the positions of communication time on the bases of MCT(.)
T	:	Set of task $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$
$T_{ass}$	:	Assigned Tasks
TCOMB()	:	An Array to store tasks combinations
$T_{non-ass}$	:	Non-Assigned Tasks
NCTM(.)	:	Modified Communication Time Matrix of order $n \times n$
pet()	:	An array to store processor wise execution Time
itctm(.)	:	Inter tasks Communication Time Matrix of order $m \times n$

ipdm(.)	:	Inter tasks processors distance Matrix of order $n \times n$
ITCT	:	Inter tasks Communication time
ITCTPD	:	Inter task communication time with processor distance
itctpd()	:	An array to store processor wise communication time with Processor distance
pct()	:	An array to store inter processor communication time
TET	:	Task Execution Time
TETM(.)	:	Task Execution Time matrix of order $m \times n$
TWM()	:	Task Weight Matrix of order $m$

## 1.9 ORGANIZATION OF THE THESIS

The First chapter of this thesis entitled "TO STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES AND THEIR APPLICATION TO EVOLVE SOME ALGORITHM TO PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" is devoted to the introductory background of the topic in optimization techniques, communication systems, task allocation and other issues directly related to the work. A sequential historical introduction to the optimization has been described in details. Various aspects of the optimization have been mentioned. This chapter contains the different techniques of the optimization such as, Graph theoretic approaches, Integer programming approaches and many more. A brief overview of the communication system has been given to understand the basics of it. Assignment problem or let us say task assignment problem in these systems, is discussed and also some of the related concept has been included. In order to complete this piece of research we use number of definitions, assumptions and notations, all such definitions, assumptions and notations, which are used throughout the thesis has been put together and listed in this chapter.

Finally, the organization of the thesis, include the chapter wise brief summary of the present work has been mentioned in this chapter.

Task assignment of any communication system is a most computing interesting and demandable research problem. Various methodologies and techniques are available in the literature to solve such problems. As it is the primary for researchers to known about related methodology and techniques.

The Second Chapter of this thesis is a collection of all such research work, which is available in the literature, and directly-indirectly correlate to our work. We have categories them in two groups such as commonly adopted approaches and consideration of a particular issue. In commonly adopted approaches we have considered the Branch and Bound methods, Dynamic Programming, Decomposition approach, Genetic algorithmic approach, Heuristic approaches, Integer Programming approaches, Network Partitioning algorithm, Problem Reduction method, Petri Net modeling & Reliability evaluation and Shortest Path algorithmic method. On the other hand for consideration of a particular issue, we have chosen the precedence constraints, particular architecture consideration and reliability evaluation.

The Third Chapter of the thesis is the important and main, as it include all five research problems. The general Motivation for the present research has been written briefly. The Objective, Technique, Computational Algorithm, Implementation and

Conclusion of each problem are mentioned in this chapter. The Details of each problem is as mentioned below:

In the Problem – I, the assignment problems in communication systems are one of major factor to determine the performance of such systems. The present piece of research problem suggests an exhaustive search approach to obtain the optimal time for optimally assigning the tasks to the processors of communication system. Here we define an index that is based on the time for the execution of task to various processors and also communication time amongst the tasks. The computational algorithm of the approach and its implementation are mentioned. The results are shown in tabular form as well as graphical form. This study is capable to deal all such real life situations, where the tasks are more than the number of processors. The developed algorithm is coded into C++ and several sets of data have been tested to verify the effectiveness of the algorithm.

The title of the Problem – II is Optimizing the time of CS: Matrix Partitioning Approach. The performance analysis of any communication system has an important area of research these days. The assignment problems in communication systems are one of the major problems to determine the performance of these systems. The present piece of research problem – II suggests a matrix partitioning approach to assign all the tasks to the available processors of the system. Here we have chosen such a problem in which the tasks are more as compared to the processors of the system. It contains the computational algorithm of the technique and its implementation. This piece of research is capable to deal all such real life situations, where the tasks, which are to be executed on the

processors of the communication systems, are more than the number of processors of that system. This technique does not require adding dummy processors. The developed algorithm is coded into C++. The several sets of input data have been tested to verify the effectiveness of the algorithm.

In the Problem - III, a new approach for assignment in communication system based on tasks weight matrix partitioning has been considered. This suggests an efficient algorithm for communication system. The problem chosen, in which the number of tasks is more than the number of processors in the system, as it is most of the time the case of real life situation. The tasks are allocated to the processor in such a way that to suit the desired execution requirement of the tasks. The model addressed here is based on the consideration of task execution time and task weights. The method is presented in algorithmic form and implemented on the several sets of input data to test the performance and effectiveness of the algorithm. The developed algorithm is coded into C++.

In the Problem - IV, we have used the Matrix partitioning technique to improve the reliability of communication system. It is almost impossible that the communication systems has to execute only as many tasks as the number of processors available in the system. That means the number of tasks, which are to be executed on the communication systems, shall be the more as compared to the number of processors in the systems. The problem of execution of "m" tasks to "n" processors ( $m > n$ ) in a communication systems is addressed here through an efficient algorithm for the task execution in a



communication system. The execution reliabilities of the tasks on different processors have taken into consideration while preparing the algorithm to such a case. The model discussed here is based on the consideration of execution unreliability's of the tasks to the processors. Keeping in view we suggested an efficient method to assign all the tasks as per the required availability of processors so that none of the tasks get remains unexecuted and the present approach does not require to adding dummy processors. The several sets of input data are considered to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the algorithm. It is found that the algorithm is suitable for arbitrary number of processor with the random program structure and workable in all the cases.

Our day-to-day experience reveals that processor distance influences the overall task completion cost in any communication system, for instance, in the case of telecommunication network. It is well known fact that a person has to pay more for talking to person sitting at a long distant place. The case of Communication System is similar to that of a telecommunication network in this aspect. In a system, a task is allocated to a processor in such a way that extensive Inter Task Communication is avoided and the capabilities of the processor suit to the execution requirements of the task.

The model discussed in the Problem - V provide an optimal solution for assigning a set of "m" tasks of a program to a set of "n" processors where  $m > n$  in a Communication System with the goal to maximize the overall throughput of the system and allocated load on all the processors should be balanced. The present allocation policy



involves stepwise modification of execution and communication matrices by making the clusters tasks. Some of the tasks may not involve in any cluster, those tasks treated as independent tasks. The mathematical programming approach has been used to determine the optimal allocation of tasks. The several sets of input data are considered to test the complexity and efficiency of the algorithm. It is found that the algorithm is suitable for arbitrary number of processor with the random program structure and workable in all the cases.

In the Fourth Chapter, as we all know that research is an on going process and there is no last limit so that we have coin some of the new research problems, each are to be solved by the future researcher. Keeping these things in mind, the last chapter of this thesis contains the future scope of this research area and new research problem along with the suggestions for the researchers.

During the period of this research work some of the research papers have been presented in various seminar and conferences. Two research papers are published in Journal (Copies of both papers are appended at the end of the thesis). And also some of research papers have been sent for the publication in various journals. A combined list of such papers has been mentioned in this chapter. During this research work we have gone through large number of research papers, books, monographs, Ph. D. thesis etc. so that in the last of the thesis a list of in alphabetic order of such research material has been attached.

## **SURVEY OF THE LITERATURE**

### **2.1 AN OVERVIEW**

Over the past few years a number of studies in optimization techniques and their applications to Communication System (CS) have led to the identification of several challenging problems. One of these problems is optimally assigning the tasks to the processors in the CS. In such system, it is essential to assign each task to the processor whose characteristic are more suitable for the execution of the task. Availability of information at geographically dispersed locations and the need of its transmission from one source to another have also led to the development of CS.

The task allocation problem in a CS may either be static or dynamic. If the allocation is static the information regarding over all costs of a hardware configuration is known before hand. When a task is assign to a particular processor, it stays on that processor during its life time. The problem of assigning  $m$  tasks to  $n$  processors, where  $m > n$  as normally is the case, in the real life is a complex one. The complexity may be reduced by an efficient task partitioning strategy [BERG 1987]. In case of dynamic allocation the tasks or modules can reassign dynamically during program execution, so as to the advantage of changes in the local reference patterns of the program [MANI 1998]. Although the dynamic allocation has potential performance advantages, static allocation

is easier to realize and less complex to operate. Recently, Zhou, Zhibo, Zhou, Tong and Jinxiang Wang [ZHOU 2007] have discussed the bit error rate performance of an Invariant Delay Multiple Access DCSK (IDMA-DCSK) Communication System over multi path fading channels. They have established the close relation between theoretical and the simulation results. Ha, C and Kuo, W. [HA 2006] has also presented the multi-path heuristic for redundancy allocation. Onishi, J., Kimura, S., James, R.J.W., Nakagawa, Y., [ONIS 2007] has solved the redundancy allocation problem by using surrogate constraint method. A through survey of the related literature reveals that the earlier researches can be classified in the following two major categories

- Commonly Adopted Approaches
- Consideration of a Particular Issue

## **2.2 COMMONLY ADOPTED APPROACHES**

### **2.2.1 Branch –and –Bound Methods**

Branch – and –Bound technique is very popular and widely adopted technique among the researchers. There exist several algorithms based on this technique for task allocation problem [AROR 1980, MA 1984, SINC 1987]. An optimal task allocation strategy with main concern of maximizing reliability and considering communication cost as the constraint function for a distributed database management system has been reported in [VERM 1997]. The model is converted into a state space search tree and Branch- and –Bound technique is used to achieve the optimum results. This approach has

been adopted for optimizing the distributed execution of join queries by Reid [REID 1994].

### 2.2.2 Dynamic Programming

Dynamic programming is an algorithm design method that can be used when the solution to a problem may be viewed as the result of a sequence of decisions. The main feature of this technique is that it often drastically reduces the amount of enumeration by avoiding the enumeration of some decision sequences that can not possibly be optimal. This approach aims at finding the optimal sequence of decision employing the principal of optimality. Dynamic programming based solution procedure can be regarded as recursive optimization because the decisions, leading to an optimal solution, are made one at a time. A number of research papers based on dynamic programming approach are available in the literature of task allocation problem in CS. Employing this approach, Bokhari devised a shortest tree algorithm that runs in  $O(mn^2)$  time for the assignment of 'm' modules to 'n' processors [BOKH 1981a]. A relationship between module allocation and non – serial dynamic programming has been established by Rosenthal [ROSE 1982]. Considering cost and reliability aspects, Ashrafi et al [ASHR 1992] developed optimization models for selection of programs. Dynamic programming technique is applied by Ferman Dez-Baca [FERN 1989] for obtaining the optimal assignment through local search.

### 2.2.3 Decomposition Approach

The reliability evaluation of complex networks using decomposition method is also one of the important techniques. The reliability of an oriented type-I network is

computed by Nakazawa [NAKA 1976] by decomposing the network into short-and-open-removed sub networks according to its keystone line called a removable line. In an another paper [NAKA 1977] the type-I of networks is extended to types-II, II & III and equivalence of one non oriented line and one pair of oriented lines with equal 1-reliability is proved for types I, II & III. It is also proved that the type III networks have to be transformed into a Boolean expression and then the Boolean decomposition method [NAKA 1977] can be applied. A network [NAKA 1978] is represented by matrices which is suitable for computer use. The criteria for removable lines of complex networks are proved. It is also proved that there are always removable lines of complex networks except oriented type III one, using the matrix expression [NAKA 1981]. For determining the conditional success events Aggarwal et al [AGGA 1982] evolved a technique using both the node removal and connection multiplication methods for path enumeration. Li et al [LI 1992] suggested an algorithm for optimization of large-system reliability with the help of decomposition method.

#### **2.2.4 Genetic Algorithmic Approach**

This optimization approach is a heuristic optimization technique, which includes simulated annealing. Tabu searched an evolutionary strategy [REEV 1993]. Coit and Smith [COIT 1996] developed a specific genetic algorithm to analyze series-paralleled system and to determine the optimal design configuration where redundancy allocation problem for a series-parallel system had a specified number of sub systems and for each sub system, there are multiple component choices which can be selected and used in parallel. For those system designed using off- the- shelf component types, with known cost, reliability and weight, the system design and component selection become a

combinational optimization problem. They [COIT 1998a] also presented an algorithm to solve the redundancy allocation problem when the objective is to maximize a lower percentile of the system time- to- failure distribution. Levitin et al [LEVI 1998] discussed a redundancy optimization problem to multi-static systems. Here the systems and their components have the range of performance levels. Dengiz et al [DENG 1997] used the similar approach to solve the all-terminal network design problem when considering cost and reliability. Genetic algorithm was also used in optimization of system reliability [KUMA 1995b, PAIN 1995], while Kumar et al [KUMA 1995a] worked on the topological design for such systems. Exploring Genetic Programming and Boosting Techniques to Model Software Reliability has been studied by Costa and E.O. de Souza, G.A., Pozo, A.T.R., Vergilio, S.R. [COST 2007].

#### **2.2.5 Heuristic Approach**

Heuristic Algorithm has also played a vital role for providing solutions to different types of problems. Several research papers [DENG 1997, LU 1986, WARD 1984, PRIC 1984, WILL 1983, ALFO 1988, HWAN 1993, EFE 1982, AROR 1980] have been reported in the literature regarding heuristic approaches for task allocation problem of these systems. The use of CS has been rapidly increasing in order to share expensive hardware and software resource and provides access to main systems from the distant locations. Dengiz et al [DENG 1997] suggested a heuristic algorithm inspired by evolutionary approach to solve the all terminal network design problem when considering cost and reliability. Kartik and Murthy [KART 1995] provided a heuristic algorithm to find an optimal and sub optimal task allocation in redundant distributed computing



systems, to maximizing system reliability. Further it repeatedly consider all the possible reassignments of tasks at a time, performs the most advantages reassignments and terminals when no more profile reassignments is discovered. On the other hand, the problem of minimizing the cost by making the clusters of those tasks that is heavily communicating and assigning the tasks cluster to appropriate processors. On the basis of execution drew considerable attention [WILL 1983, PRIC 1984, WARD 1984]. Some heuristic approaches for task scheduling based on characterization of inter module communications [LAN 1985] and reliability maximization [HWAN 1993] in the distributed computing system also deserves mention. The heuristic load balancing approaches [BOLC 1983, YANG 1987] suggested reducing the number of tasks by forming task clusters equal to the number of processors. This reduction is accomplished by fusing those tasks between them data exchanges are maximum. The task-clusters so formed are assigned to the processors. Finally tasks are shifted from the heavily loaded processors to the minimally loaded processors to balance the load on all the processors. Liu X. et al [LIU 1999] has presented a study of building systems from components to answer the questions related the configuration of components and performance relation with monolithic system. They has also discussed the generality of the technique with regard to systems other than CS. Wang, N, Lu, J.C. and Kvam, P [WANG 2007] has also given the reliability modeling in spatially distributed logistics systems. Another simple heuristic algorithm for generating all minimal paths has been suggested by Yen Wei Chang [YEN 2007].



### 2.2.6 Integer Programming Approach

A task allocation model becomes more significant and realistic when it incorporates real-time constraints such as inter-processor communication, memory limitations of each processor, etc. For the task allocation problems, Integer Programming is a useful and exhaustive approach as it is capable to reflect real-life situations of distributed processing and simplicity in application. A number of researchers have worked on task allocation problems employing this technique to determine the optimum solution [MA 1982, DESS 1980, CHU 1980a]. A model based on this approach is developed by Chu for optimum file allocation in a multiple computer system [CHU 1969]. Another similar approach for data file allocation has been reported by R. Marcogliese and Novarese [MARC 1981].

### 2.2.7 Network Flow and Network Partitioning Algorithm

Network Flow algorithm keeps an important role for the task allocation problems. Stone used this technique for the task allocation in the multiprocessor systems in 1977 [STON 1977] by making use of Ford Fulkerson algorithm [FORD 1962] for finding maximum flows in commodity networks as modified by Edmonds and Karp [EDMO 1972, KARZ 1974, DINI 1970]. The complexity of this algorithm is known to be  $O[(m+2)^3]$ , where  $m$  is the number of tasks. This method provides no mechanism for representing memory size or other constraints. Wu et al [WU 1980a] employed network flow algorithm for task allocation and also described the partition algorithm for parallel and distributed processing [WU 1980b]. In another algorithm load balancing in a circuit-switched multi computer has been used by Bokhari [BOKH 1993]. Ke and Wang [KE

1997] proposed an efficient reliability evaluation algorithm accounting for imperfect nodes in distributed computing networks. Based on the concept of network partition, the algorithm exploits some simple efficient techniques to handle the unreliable nodes, for directly computing the network reliability expression considering imperfect nodes instead of using any compensating method.

#### **2.2.8 Problem Reduction Method**

A smaller problem can be handled more effectively in comparison to a bigger problem. It is therefore, always advisable to reduce the size of a given problem, if possible. A task allocation problem can be simplified to a certain extent by reducing the size of the problem. Arora and Rana, who proposed module assignment in two processor distributed system [AROR 1979], adopted this idea for proposing the concept of clustering the tasks which exhibit certain peculiar behavior to reduce the problem size [AROR 1981]. A task is either assigns to a processor or fused with another task(s) depending upon some criterion. Sagar and Sarje [SAGA 1991] used the above technique for task allocation model for evolving new distributed systems. A clustering algorithm for assignment problem of arbitrary process systems to heterogeneous distributed computer system is implemented by Bowen et al [BOWE 1992]. He showed that clustering algorithm exhibit better time complexity. The clustering technique used by Kim and Browne [KIM 1988] iteratively applies a critical path algorithm to transform the graph into a virtual architecture graph which consists of a set of linear clusters and the interconnection between them. A new heuristic, based on the concept of clustering, to allocate tasks for maximizing reliability is proposed by [SRIN 1999]. Based on clustering approach, a new multiprocessor scheduling technique named de-clustering has been

given by Sih and Lee [SIH 1993b]. They claimed that their de-clustering approach not only retains the clustering advantages but at the same time overcomes its drawbacks.

### **2.2.9 Petri Net Modeling & Reliability Evaluation**

The probabilistic graphs, being static in nature can not efficiently model and analyze the dynamic behavior of the system [JOLL 1980]. A Petri net approach introduced by Petri [PETR 1962] and Holt [HOLT 1978] is recognized as one of the most powerful modeling and analysis tools for a communicating processing environment. Petri net theory to model a distributed processing environment is also studied by Murata [MURA 1979]. Kumar and Aggarwal [KUMA 1993] suggested a Petri net model for the evaluation of reliability for the execution of a computer program in a CS. The execution of a program in a distributed computing system may require access to several files residing at different sites and communications paths between several node pairs. Then, by using the reachability, firing and marking concepts of Petri net, an algorithm is developed to study the distributed computer program reliability and the CS reliability. Earlier Kumar et al [KUMA 1988, KUMA 1990] used this approach to obtain the reliability of a broadcasting network. Lopez [LOPE 1994] presented a model based on stochastic Petri net to estimate the reliability and availability of programs in a DPE. Some models [SHAT 1992, SHAT 1989] for reliability oriented task allocation in redundant distributed computer systems and estimating the reliability and availability of programs in a distributed processing environment. Recently Schnee Weiss, W.G. [SCHN 2007] presented a review of Petri net picture books and Petri nets for reliability modeling. The reliability of tree structured grid services has been studied by Yuan – Shun, Dai [YUAN

2006, YUAN 2007]. The study related to confidence bounds for system reliability was presented by Ramirez-Marquez, J.E. and Wei, Jian [RAMI 2006].

#### 2.2.10 Shortest Path Algorithmic Method

The solution of the task allocation problem for a CS can be obtained by using the shortest path algorithms. Work based on such algorithms is reported in the literature [BOKH 1981a, PRIC 1982, TOWS 1986]. In order to apply this approach, a program graph is transformed into an assignment graph. For each node in the program graph, there exists a set of nodes corresponding to the number of processors in this assignment graph. The nodes and edges between them are labeled suitably depending on the method applied to obtain a shortest path from source- nodes to terminal- node. A shortest tree algorithm described in [BOKH 1981a] minimizes the sum of the execution and communication costs for arbitrarily connected distributed systems with arbitrarily number of processors, provided the interconnection pattern of modules form a tree. The objective of the study was to allocate the tasks, whenever possible, to the processors on which they execute fastest while taking into account the over head due to IPC. Dynamic programming approach was applied for determining the shortest path and then optimal assignment of the tasks of a program over the processors of an inhomogeneous DCS was obtained. The worst- case complexity of the method is found to be  $O(n^3\phi^3)$ , where, 'n' is number of nodes in assignment graph and ' $\phi$ ' is the number of phases. Price and Pooch claimed that their shortest path method is applicable to all cases with the limitation that an optimal solution is possible in limited cases only [PRIC 1982]. The shortest path algorithm evaluates the set of nodes in the assignment graph corresponding to a program graph to

select the best possible allocation of a task to a processor. Towsley's work [TOWS 1986] is a special cases where the inter task communication pattern is series parallel in nature. A search is made in the assignment graph for the parts of the program graph where inter-task communication patterns are in series parallel or tree in nature. For such inter task communication patterns, shortest paths are derived and these shortest paths are combined to get the overall shortest path of the assignment graph. In most of the other related studies [BOKH 1987, IQBA 1986a, IQBA 1986b, KOHL 1975, BOKH 1988], and optimal task assignment graph is constructed which contains as many layers as number of processors. The calculation of weights of edges depends on the nature of the program graph and the processor mechanisms. Allocation of task interaction graphs to processor in heterogeneous networks is reported by Hui and Chanson [HUI 1997]. Keinghan [KEIN 1971] used a form of dynamic programming approach by partitioning a chain structured program graph. Bhardwaj et al. [BHAR 1994] have applied a similar method for optimal sequencing and arrangement in distributed single level tree networks with communication delay. Some bottlenecks of the shortest path methods are that the assignment graph becomes very large and complex as the number of processors in the distributed system increases and subsequently number of computations increase for calculating the edge weights. Further to add, the entire assignment graph has to be retained in the memory until the final assignment is made. Ramirez-Marquez, J.E. and Gebre, B.A., [RAMI 2007] suggested a classification tree based approach for the development of minimal cut and path vectors of a capacitated network.

## 2.3 CONSIDERATION OF A PARTICULAR ISSUE

### 2.3.1 Precedence Constraint

Earlier task allocation models did not consider modules precedence constraints as one of the significant factor. However, practically, it is not possible to start execution of a task before the completion of another task until the task is independent. Therefore, besides considering load balancing and minimization of IPC cost the precedence relation among task must also be taken into account. Some studies of task allocation models [CHOU 1986, MARK 1986] considered the precedence relation as a criterion for assignment. The model developed by Markencoff and Liaw [MARK 1986] is applicable for the problems exhibiting parallelism. The job comprising a set of tasks is modeled as a directed a cyclic graph. The graph has been partitioned into a set of sub graphs. Each directed a cyclic graph corresponds to an independent process without any data flow between sub graphs. The distribution of sub directed cyclic graphs, to processors, as evenly as possible, using branch and bound method, results in optimal assignment without IPC cost. The application for the response time of the threads is important rather than the entire application. Chu and Leung [CHU 1984b] reported an algorithm to search for task allocation that minimizes response time. The suggested algorithm considers the task replication and assignment together. Under any given task allocation process, to reduce response time, tasks reallocated from the longest weight processor to shortest weight processors until no further improvement is possible by such task reallocation. An extension for this algorithm with the objective of minimizing response time is proposed by Chu and Lan [CHU 1987b]. The objective of task allocation is to counter balance the related but apposite factor of IPC cost and load balancing to achieve maximum throughput and to satisfy real time constraints.



### 2.3.2 Particular Architecture Consideration

The problem of assigning a set of 'm' tasks to a particular multiprocessor architecture having 'n' processors, where  $m > n$ , is known to be a mapping problem. This problem has been attempted by many researchers [BERM 1984, BERG 1985, BERG 1987, BOKH 1987, FUKU 1987, LEE 1987, MEND 1987, MURT 1988, MURT 1989, SIVA 1988, SIVA 1989, SHMI 1991, CHUA 1992, LIAN 1994, OLSO 1994 ] to obtain efficient mapping schemes. Chuang et al [CHUA 1992] suggested a fast recognition complete processor allocation strategy for hypercube computers. This model referred to a dynamic processor allocation scheme where the search space generated is dependent upon the dimension of the requested sub cube dynamically, rather than being predetermined and fixed. Olson et al [OLSO 1994] have evolved a model for the fault-tolerant routing in mesh architectures for the distributed computing system. Network flow models of message flow in the mesh and hypercube have been developed by Bokhari [BOKH 1993]. Sih and Lee [SIH 1993a] assumed the target architecture for their proposed scheduling technique to be shared-bus multiprocessor. Another polynomial-time algorithm is developed for computing the distributed program reliability for star topologies of CS in which data files are restricted to a certain type of distribution [LIN 1990].

### 2.3.3. Reliability Evaluation Consideration

Distributed computer systems are increasingly being employed for critical applications, such as aircraft control, industrial process control, and banking systems. Maximizing performance has been the conventional objective in the allocation of tasks

for such systems. There are many measures to evaluate the performances of CS. Reliability of a CS is another very important issue that need special attention [AGGA 1982, GARC 1982, SEGE 1994]. A reliability measure called, distributed program reliability, to model accurately the reliability of CS has also been reported [KUMA 1988]. Some models of reliability oriented task allocation in redundant distributed computer systems [SHAT 1989, SHAT 1992] and estimating the reliability and availability of programs have also appeared in the literature. A 1- step algorithm GEAR (Generalized Evaluation Algorithm for Reliability), capable of computing several reliability parameters of a CS such a terminal-pair reliability, computer network reliability, distributed program reliability, and distributed system reliability, is also studied [KUMA 1993]. Software reliability allocation, based on several factors such as structure, utility, price, and cost, is proposed by Zahedi [ZAHE 1991]. Strategies are devised that achieve a maximal combination of safety and reliability [RAI 1982]. Efficient methods to optimize the system reliability have been reported in [PAIN 1995, RAGH 1985]. Reliability analysis for a distributed program is mentioned in [KUMA 1996, KE 1997]. A genetic algorithm based reliability optimization model for computer networks is proposed by Kumar et al [KUMA 1995a]. Further, an investigation of the problem of distributed- program reliability in various classes of distributed computing systems has been presented [LIN 1990]. Srinivasan and Jha suggested a new clustering-based safety and reliability driven heuristic for a heterogeneous distributed system [SRIN 1999].

## **PROBLEMS**

### **3.1 MOTIVATION**

Communication occurs between entities (such as, file transfer packages, browsers, electronic mail software, etc.) in different systems. An entity is anything capable of sending or receiving information. A system is a physical object that contains one or more entities, such as computers, terminals, processors etc. Communication systems have homogenous and/or heterogeneous processors that are connected through a communication links. It provides the capability for the utilization of remote computing resources and allow for increased level of flexibility, reliability, and modularity. The distributed processing environments in which services provided for the network reside at multiple sites. Instead of single large machine being responsible for all aspects of process, each separate processor handles subset. In the distributed environments the programs or tasks are also often developed with the subsets of independent units under various environments. It has drawn tremendous attention in developing cost-effective and reliable applications to meet the desired requirements. Task allocation is the process of partitioning a set of programming modules into a number of processing groups, known as tasks, where each group executes on a separate processor. The general allocation problem is NP-complete. In these problems, suppose in any communication system there are 'm' tasks that are to be processed and it has at least 'n' processors which can process any of the m tasks but possibly in various time periods. Tasks are to be assigned to such processors so as to minimize the overall time to complete the execution of all 'm' tasks. Hungarian

approach [GILL 2002] is suggested for solving the assignment problem, but this approach is to be applicable only for  $m$ -tasks to the  $m$ -processors i.e. for balanced assignment problem. For the unbalanced assignment problem where  $m > n$  or  $n > m$ , the Hungarian method suggest to add the dummy tasks or processors to make the effectiveness matrix square.

The best-known research problem for such systems is the assignment problem, in which the total system time is to be minimized. The problem finding an assignment of tasks to nodes that minimizes total execution and communication cost (or time) was elegantly analyzed using a network flow model and network flow algorithms by [STON 1977, STON 1978] and a number of other researchers [YADA 2002, YADA 2003, KUMA 2001, SING 1999, SRIN 1999, PENG 1997, KUMA 1995a, KUMA 1995b, KUMA 1995c, KUMA 1995d, SAGA 1991, ZAHE 1991, BACA 1989, CHU 1969, KUMA 1999, KUMA 1996, KUMA 2002, KUMA 2006, CASA 1988, BOKH 1979] through various different algorithms. The load-balancing algorithms or load-leveling algorithms are based on the intuition that, for better resource utilization, it is desirable for the load in a distributed communication system to be balanced evenly. Thus a load-balancing algorithm tries to balance the total system load by transparently transferring the work load from heavily loaded nodes to lightly loaded nodes in an attempt to ensure good overall performance relative to some specific metric of system performance. When considering performance from the user point of view, the metric involved is often the response time of the processors. However, when performance is considered from the resource point of view, the metric involved is the total system throughput [SINH 2004]. Kumar et al [KUMA 1995a] suggested a modified and efficient task allocation approach in which authors have optimized the overall system

cost that include the execution and communication cost. Kumar et al [KUMA 1996] and Kumar [KUMA 1999] have suggested task allocation technique, which are dynamic in nature for optimizing the cost and reliability respectively. S. Srinivasan [SRIN 1999] stated that software or a program to be run on the distributed computing system is called a task, which is composed of intercommunication tasks, which allocated to the different processor in the system. Several other methods have been reported in the literature, such as, Integer Programming [DESS 1980], Branch and Bound technique [RICH 1982], Matrix Reduction technique [SAGA 1991], Reliability Optimization [LIN 2002, LYU 2002] Modeling [BIER 2002, FITZ 2002]. The Series Parallel Redundancy-Allocation problem has been studied with different approaches, such as, Non-Linear techniques [TILL 1977], and Heuristic techniques [COIT 1996, COIT 1998a, COIT 1998b, LO 1988].

Therefore it is recorded that the research problem for such systems is of the type tasks allocation problems, in which either system reliability is to be maximized or total system time is to be minimized or overall effectiveness of the computing systems is to be optimized under the pre specified constraints. Sager et al [SAGA 1991] discussed the tasks allocation problem in 1991; they considered a set of tasks and a set of processors, which are less in comparison to the number of tasks. They have suggested a heuristics approach by using matrix reduction technique for the allocation of tasks to the various processors, and obtained optimal execution cost. Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c, KUMA 1996] has studied the task allocation problem for a set of heterogeneous processors on which the set of tasks to be allocated in such a way that all the tasks got executed and load on each processor also maintained. These models gave the total assignment cost and results were much better as compared to

Sagar et al [SAGA 1991]. The complexity of the algorithm is also less as they have mentioned the complexity comparisons to other approaches in their papers. Kumar [KUMA 2001] and Singh et al [SING 1999] also extended the work on tasks allocation problem for analyzing the various performance parameters. Recently, Yuan-Shun and Levitin [YUAN 2007] has used optimal resource allocation for maximizing performance and reliability in tree structured grid series. The genetic algorithm is used for reliability-oriented task assignment by Chin-Ching Chiu et al [CHIN 2006]. The work related to redundancy allocation problem with a mix of components is studied by Onishi et al [ONIS 2007].

## PROBLEM-I

### OPTIMAL TIME EVALUATION OF CS: AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH APPROACH

#### 3.1.1 Objective

Let the given Communication System (CS) consists of a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processors, interconnected by communication links and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  tasks. The processing Execution Time [ET] of individual tasks corresponding to each processor are given in the form of matrix  $ETM(.)$  of order  $m \times n$  and the Communication Time [CT] is taken in the square symmetric matrices  $CTM(.)$  of order  $n$  respectively. The functions to measure ET and CT are then formulated. A procedure to assign all the tasks to the processors of the communicating systems based on execution time is to be designed in such a way that the overall time is to be optimizing under the pre specified constraints. The load on each processor has been also taken care off in order to balance the load of each processor.



### 3.1.2 Technique

Let the given system consists of a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processors, interconnected by communication links and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  tasks. The processing execution time of individual tasks corresponding to each processor are given in the matrix  $ETM(.)$  of order  $m \times n$ . The communication time is taken in the square symmetric matrix  $CTM(.)$  of order  $n$ . Initially, we obtain the task combinations in order to make the set of task(s) equals to number of processor. These combinations shall be  $n * {}^mC_{m-n} (= n!, \text{ say})$  and to be store in  $TCOMB()$ . Then we obtained an index, which is based on the processing time of the tasks to the processors for the execution of tasks to various processors, and also time of communication amongst the task to each of the combination, the maximum value of the index shall give us the optimal result. The assignment of tasks to processors may be done in different ways. To allocate the task to one of the processors, the minimum value of each row and column of  $ETM(.)$  is obtained. Let  $\min \{r_i\}$  represent the minimum row time value corresponding to the tasks  $t_i$  and  $\min \{c_j\}$  represent the minimum column time value for processor  $p_j$ . These values are then replaced to 0 in  $ETM(.)$ . For allocation purpose a modified version of row and column assignment method, namely Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c] is employed which allocates a task to a processor where it has minimum execution time. The overall execution time [Etime] is expressed as the sum of execution and communication time of all the tasks as follows:

$$Etime = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n ET_{ij} x_{ij} \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n CT_{ij} y_{ij} \right\} \right]$$

where,

$$ET = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n ET_{ij} x_{ij} \right\} \right]$$

where,  $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , and

$$CT = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n CT_{ij} y_{ij} \right\} \right]$$

$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the task assigned to processor } i \text{ communicate with the task assigned to processor } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\text{Index} = (\text{Etime})^{-1}$$

### 3.1.3 Computational Algorithm

To given an algorithmic representation to the technique mentioned in the previous section, let us consider a system in which a set of  $m$  tasks  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_m\}$  is to be executed on a set of  $n$  available processors  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n\}$ .

Step-1:

Input:  $m, n, \text{ETM}(\cdot), \text{CTM}(\cdot), ; \text{nar} := 0; T_{\text{ass}} := \{ \quad \};$

Step-2:

Select the task to form the combinations with other task(s), (say  $(t_i, t_k)$  &  $(t_k, t_i)$ ). Store it in  $\text{TCOMB}(l)$ , where  $l=1(1)nl$

Step-3:

for  $l := 1$  to  $nl$  do  
begin  
     $\text{TCOMB}(l)$

Step-3.1:

for  $k := 1$  to  $n$  do  
for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

Add  $k^{\text{th}}$  row of  $\text{ETM}(\cdot)$  to its  $i^{\text{th}}$  row. If all the values are become infinite, get next value of  $\text{TCOMB}(l)$  then repeat else Step-3.2.

end.

Step-3.2:

Modify  $\text{CTM}(\cdot)$  and,  $\text{ETM}(\cdot)$  as follow;

Step-3.2.1:

for  $k := 1$  to  $n$  do  
for  $j := 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

Replace the corresponding values of  $k^{\text{th}}$  row and  $k^{\text{th}}$  column by zero in  $\text{CTM}(\cdot)$  and then add  $k^{\text{th}}$  row to  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $k^{\text{th}}$  column to  $i^{\text{th}}$  column, after that delete the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row and  $k^{\text{th}}$  column from  $\text{CTM}(\cdot)$ .

Step-3.2.2:

Modify the ETM (,) by adding  $k^{th}$  row to  $i^{th}$  row and thereby deleting  $k^{th}$  row.

Step-3.2.3:

Store modified, ETM (,) and, CTM (,) to NETM (,) and NCTM(,) respectively.

end.

Step-4:

for  $k : = 1$  to  $n$  do

for  $j : = 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

Find the minimum of  $k^{th}$  row (Say  $mr_{kj}$ ) of NETM (,) falling in  $j^{th}$  column and replace it by zero.

end.

Step-5:

for  $k : = 1$  to  $n$  do

for  $j : = 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

Find the minimum of  $j^{th}$  column (say  $mc_{kj}$ ) of NETM (,), which lies in  $k^{th}$  row, and replace it by zero.

end.

Step-6:

for  $j : = 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

for  $k : = 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

Search for a row in NETM (,), which has only one zero say, at the position (k,j) and assign task(s) corresponding to this position.

$nar := nar + 1;$

$far(k) := j;$

$T_{ass} := T_{ass} \cup \{t_k\};$

end;

end.

Step-7:

for  $j : = 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

for  $k : = 1$  to  $n$  do

begin

Search for a column which has only one zero entry say, at the position (k,j) and assign task(s) corresponding to this position.

$nar := nar + 1;$

$far(k) := j;$

$T_{ass} := T_{ass} \cup \{t_k\};$

end;

end.

Step-8:

if  $nar \neq n$

Pick-up an arbitrary zero entry say, at the position  $(k,j)$  and assign task(s) corresponding to this position.

$nar := nar + 1; far(k) := j;$

$T_{ass} := T_{ass} \cup \{t_k\};$

else

Check column(s) positions of zero(s) in unassigned row (s). Check the row(s) for any previous assignment in the corresponding column(s). Find the minimum of the entire elements for the remaining rows and replace it zero and then go to step-6.

Step-9:

Evaluate Execution Time as;

$ET := 0.0;$

for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do

$ET := ET + ET(i, far(i))$

$ETT(l) := ET$

Step-10:

Evaluate Communication Time as;

$CT := 0.0;$

for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do

$CT := CT + CT(i, far(i))$

$CTT(l) := CT$

Step-11:

Execution Time [Etime] and Index are thus calculated as:

Step-11.1:

$Etime(l) := ETT(l) + CTT(l)$

Step-11.2:

$Index(l) := 1 / Etime(l)$

Step-12:

If  $l < nl$  then go to step-3.

Step-13:

List: Index (l); Etime (l);

end.

Step-14:

Stop.

### 3.1.4 Implementation

#### Example-I

Consider a system consisting of a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$  of 4 tasks and a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of 3 processors,

Step-1: Input: 4, 3

$$ETM(,) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{matrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 12 & 7 \\ 9 & 8 & 11 \\ 12 & 9 & 6 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \end{array};$$

$$CTM(,) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{matrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 & 7 \\ 9 & 5 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Step-2:

$$TCOMB(,) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3:

$$TCOMB(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3.1-3.2:

$$ETM(,) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{matrix} p^1 & p^2 & p^3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} t_3 * t_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 22 & 20 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$NCTM(,) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{matrix} p^1 & p^2 & p^3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} i^1 \\ i^2 \\ i^3 * i^4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

	$p^1$	$p^2$	$p^3$
$NETM(,) =$			
$t_1$	8	12	7
$t_2$	9	8	11
$t_3 * t_4$	22	20	18

Step-4 & 5:

On applying modified Hungarian method devised by Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c] to assign the task,  $\min \{r_i\}$  from  $NETM(,)$  for every  $i$ ,  $r_{13} = 7$ ,  $r_{22} = 8$ ,  $r_{33} = 18$ . Making  $r_{13} = r_{22} = r_{33} = 0$ . Again  $\min \{c_j\}$  from  $NETM(,)$  for every  $j$ , are  $c_{11} = 8$ ,  $c_{22} = 0$ ,  $c_{33} = 0$ . Making  $c_{11} = 0$ , so that, we get,

	$p^1$	$p^2$	$p^3$
$NETM(,) =$			
$t_1$	0	12	0
$t_2$	9	0	11
$t_3 * t_4$	22	20	0

Step-6, 7& 8:

After implementing assignment process, the first set of the allocation is thus obtained.

Tasks	→	Processors	ET	CT
$t_1$	→	$p_1$	08	03
$t_2$	→	$p_2$	08	06
$t_3 * t_4$	→	$p_3$	18	04

Step-9:

ETT (1) := 34

Step-10:

CTT (1) := 13

Step-11:

Etime (1) := 47

Step-12:

Index (1) := 0.02127650



Step-13:

On repeating the above process, the assignments and their corresponding related values of ET, CT, Etime, and Indexes are thus obtained, which are shown in the following table-1:

**Table-1: Assignment Table**

S. No.	ET	CT	Etime	INDEX	ASSIGNMENT-I		ASSIGNMENT-II		ASSIGNMENT-III	
1	34	13	47	0.02127650	$t_1$	$p_1$	$t_2$	$p_2$	$t_3 * t_4$	$p_3$
2	34	17	51	0.01960780	$t_1$	$p_1$	$t_2$	$p_2$	$t_4 * t_3$	$p_3$
3	33	13	46	0.02173910	$t_1$	$p_1$	$t_3$	$p_3$	$t_2 * t_4$	$p_2$
4	33	22	55	0.01818181	$t_1$	$p_1$	$t_3$	$p_3$	$t_4 * t_2$	$p_2$
5	34	17	51	0.01960780	$t_1$	$p_3$	$t_4$	$p_1$	$t_2 * t_3$	$p_2$
6	34	22	56	0.01785710	$t_1$	$p_3$	$t_4$	$p_1$	$t_3 * t_2$	$p_2$
7	32	13	45	0.02222222	$t_2$	$p_2$	$t_3$	$p_3$	$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$
8	32	16	48	0.02083333	$t_2$	$p_2$	$t_3$	$p_3$	$t_4 * t_1$	$p_1$
9	31	17	48	0.02083333	$t_2$	$p_2$	$t_4$	$p_1$	$t_1 * t_3$	$p_3$
10	31	16	47	0.02127650	$t_2$	$p_2$	$t_4$	$p_1$	$t_3 * t_1$	$p_3$
11	34	16	50	0.02000000	$t_3$	$p_3$	$t_4$	$p_2$	$t_2 * t_1$	$p_1$
12	34	22	56	0.01785710	$t_3$	$p_3$	$t_4$	$p_2$	$t_1 * t_2$	$p_1$

Step-14:

Stop.

## Example-II

The results of a system which consist a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$  of 5 tasks and a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$ , of 3 processors where,

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
	$t_1$	8	12	7
$ETM(,) =$	$t_2$	9	8	11
	$t_3$	12	9	6
	$t_4$	10	11	12
	$t_5$	7	6	2

	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$t_4$	$t_5$	
$CTM(,) =$	$t_1$	0	3	6	9	8
	$t_2$	3	0	4	5	6
	$t_3$	6	4	0	7	9
	$t_4$	9	5	7	0	5
	$t_5$	8	6	9	5	0

The following tables shows the results as obtain after implementing the present algorithm

Tasks	→	Processors	ET	CT
$t_1 * t_4$	→	$p_1$	18	3
$t_2$	→	$p_2$	8	6
$t_3 * t_5$	→	$p_3$	8	4

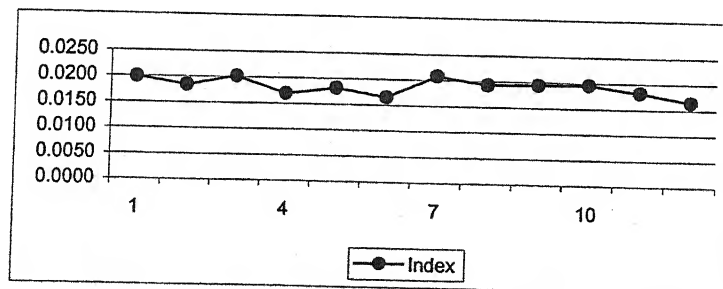
Tasks	→	Processors	Etime	Index
$t_1 * t_4$	→	$p_1$		
$t_2$	→	$p_2$	47	0.021276595
$t_3 * t_5$	→	$p_3$		

### 3.1.5 Conclusion

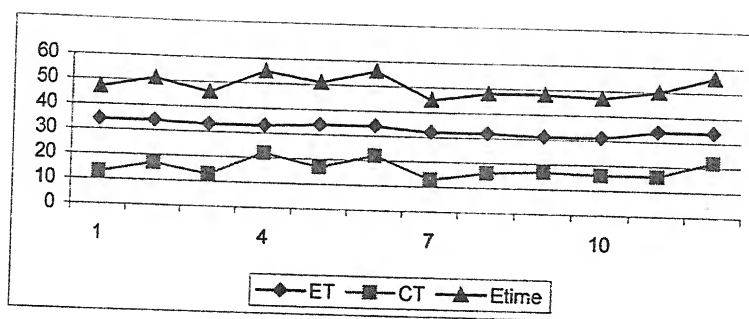
The first problem of the thesis discusses an assignment model through optimization technique for the performance enhancement of communication system. In this problem we have chosen such a communication system in which numbers of tasks are more than the number of processors. The present method deals the case when the index is based on the processing time of the tasks to the processors for the execution of tasks to various processors and also communication time amongst the tasks. The method is presented in computational algorithmic form and implemented on the several sets of input data to test the performance and effectiveness of the algorithm. The optimal result of the Example-I are shown in the following table:

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>→ Processors</i>	<i>Etime</i>	<i>Index</i>
$t_3$	$p_3$		
$t_2$	$p_2$	45	0.02222222
$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$		

The graphical representation of the results mentioned in Table-1 of Step-12 of the implementation part of this paper is shown in the following graphs:



Graph-1: Index Graph



Graph-2: Execution Time Graph

The following table shows the results of Example-II given in its implementation part of problem-I of this chapter, as obtain after implementing the present algorithm:

Tasks	Processors	Etime	Index
$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$		
$t_2$	$p_2$	47	0.0212765
$t_3 * t_5$	$p_3$		

### 3.1.5.1 Comparison

The run time complexity of the algorithm is measured  $O(n * {}^m C_{m-n})$  time. Our time complexity is better than  $O(m^2 n)$  of [SAGA 1991] and  $O(n^m)$  to [PENG 1997, RICH 1982]. The performance of the algorithm is compared with that of [SAGA 1991] and [PENG 1997, RICH 1982] and results for complexity comparison are shown below:

Taks	$O(n * {}^m C_{m-n})$	$O(m^2 n)$	$O(n^m)$
$(m, n)$	Present - Alg	[SAGA1991]	[PENG1997, RICH1982]
(5,3)	30	75	243
(6,3)	60	108	729
(7,3)	105	147	2187
(8,3)	168	192	6561
(10,4)	630	400	1048576
(10,5)	756	500	09765625

## PROBLEM-II

### OPTIMIZING EXECUTION TIME OF CS: MATRIX PARTITIONING APPROACH

#### 3.2.1 Objective

Consider a communication system which consist a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  of "n" processors, interconnected by an arbitrary network. The processors have local memory only and do not share any global memory. The processor graph is a convenient abstraction of the processors together with interconnection network. It has processors as nodes and there is a weighted edge and distance between two nodes if the corresponding processors can communicate with each other. The weight  $w_{ij}$  and distance  $d_{ij}$  on the edge between processors  $p_i$  and  $p_j$  represent the delay time involved in sending or receiving the message of  $d_{ij}$  length from one processor to another. In order to have an approximate estimate of this time, irrespective of the two processors, we use the average of the weights on all the edges in the processor graph.

A set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  of "m" tasks is considered at hand to be executed on "n" processors. The Execution Time (ET) of these tasks on all the processors is given in the form of Execution Time Matrix [ETM (,)] of order  $m \times n$ . The Communication Time (CT) is taken in the form of a symmetric matrix named as Communication Time Matrix [CTM (,)], which is of order  $m$ . In order to make the best use of the resources of the system for that we would like to distribute the load on each processor in such a way that allocated load on the processors should be evenly balanced. The proposed model discusses the following issues:

- Developing the method to form the sub problems,
- Formulating the method to assign all tasks,

- Formulating the Time function to measure ET,
- Formulating the Time function to measure CT.

### 3.2.2 Technique

Since the numbers of task are more than the number of processors, so that we divide the problem of unbalanced tasks assignment in to sub problems, which becomes the balanced tasks assignment problems. Obtain the sum of each row and each column except infinity time (infinity time should be kept aside) form the ETM (,) and store the results in to Sum\_Row() and Sum\_Column(), each of them one dimensional arrays. Select the first set of tasks, (this set of tasks shall contain only as many tasks as the number of processor in the communication system) on the basis of minimum time against the tasks in the Sum\_Row() array. Store the result in to ETM (, , ) a two dimensional array. Repeat the process until remaining tasks are either less than or equal to the number of processors. If the tasks are equal to the processors of the communication system then it will becomes the last sub problem, else to form the last problem we have to delete the column (processor) form ETM(,) on the basis of Sum\_Column() array. Assignment of these tasks for each sub problem, we apply the Kumar et al algorithm [KUMA 1995c]. The communication time of those tasks, which are allocated on the same processor, becomes zero. For each sub problem we calculate the exaction time and communication time of each processor and store the result in a linear array PET(j) and PCT(j) respectively where j= 1,2,...n. Finally, sum up the value of PET (j) and PCT (j), (j=1,...,n) to obtain Etime. It is the total optimal time for the complete assignments.

$$PET(j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n ET_{ij} \times x_{ij} ;$$



$$PCT(j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n CT_{ij} y_{ij} ;$$

$$Etime = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n ET_{ij} x_{ij} \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n CT_{ij} y_{ij} \right\} \right]$$

where,  $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , and

$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the task assigned to processor } i \text{ communicates with the task assigned to processor } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

### 3.2.3 Computational Algorithm

To given an algorithmic representation to the proposed method as discussed, we have to concentrate on such a system which consist a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processor and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  executable tasks which are to be processed by any one of the processor of the system.

Step-1:

Input:  $m, n, ETM(,), CTM(,)$

Step-2:

Obtain the sum of each row of the  $ETM(,)$  in such a way that, if any time values ( $s$ ) is (are)  $\infty$  then keeping it aside along with sum of that row (just to avoid the condition  $ET + \infty = \infty$ ). Store the results in one-dimensional array  $Sum\_Row(,)$  of order  $m$ .

Step-3:

Obtain the sum of each column of the  $ETM(,)$ , in such a way that if any time value ( $s$ ) is (are)  $\infty$  then keeping it aside along with product of that column (just to avoid the condition  $ET + \infty = \infty$ ). Store the results in one-dimensional array  $Sum\_Column(,)$  of order  $n$ .

Step-4:

Partitioned the execution time matrix  $ETM(,)$  of order  $m \times n$  in to sub matrices such that the order of these matrices become square i.e. number of row should be equal to number of column. Partitioning to be made as mentioned in the following steps.

Step-4.1:

Select the  $n$  task on basis of  $Sum\_Row(,)$  array i.e. select the ' $n$ ' task corresponding to most minimum sum to next minimum sum, if there is a tie select arbitrarily. (For the cases in which product is  $ET + \infty = \infty$ , minimum value depends only  $ET$  and the impact of  $\infty$  is to be neglected.

- Step-4.2:  
Store the result in the two dimensional array ETM ( , ) to form the sub matrices of the sub problems.
- Step-4.3:  
If all the tasks are selected then go to step 4.7 else steps 4.4
- Step-4.4:  
Repeat the step 4.1 to 4.3 until the number of task become less than n.
- Step-4.5:  
Select the remaining task say r,  $r < n$ , select the r processors on the basis of Sum\_ Column ( ) array i.e. the processors corresponding to the most minimum sum to next minimum, if there is a tie select arbitrarily (for the cases in which product is  $ET + \infty = \infty$ , minimum value depend only ET and the impact of  $\infty$  is to be neglected.
- Step-4.6:  
Store the result in the two dimensional array ETM ( , ), which is a last sub problems.
- Step-4.7:  
List of all the sub problems formed through Step 4.1 to 4.6 and repeat step 5 to step 12 to solve each of these sub problems.
- Step-5:  
Find the minimum of each row of ETM ( , ) and replace it by 0.
- Step-6:  
Find the minimum of each column of ETM ( , ) and replace it by 0.
- Step-7:  
Search for a row in ETM ( , ) which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.
- Step-8:  
Search for a column in ETM ( , ) which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.
- Step-9:  
Check whether  $nar = n$  if not than pickup an arbitrary 0 and assigned task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position, else, Check column (s) position of 0's in unassigned row(s). Check the row(s) for any previous assignment in the corresponding column(s). Find the minimum of the entire elements for the remaining rows and replace it zero, Go to Step-7, Else Step-10.
- Step-10:  
Evaluate Execution Time [PET ( )].
- Step-11:  
Evaluate Communication Time [PCTC ( )].
- Step-12:  
Execution Time (Etime) are thus calculated as:  
 $Etime = PET ( ) + PCT ( )$
- Step-13:  
Stop.

### 3.2.4 Example

Consider a communication system which is consisting of a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of " $n = 3$ " processors connected by an arbitrary network. The processors only have local memory and do not share any global memory. The processor connections graph is depicted in figure-1 and tasks execution graph also pictorially depicted in figure-2. A set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6, t_7, t_8\}$  of " $m = 8$ " executable tasks which may be portion of an executable code or a data file. The communication graph is depicted in figure-3.

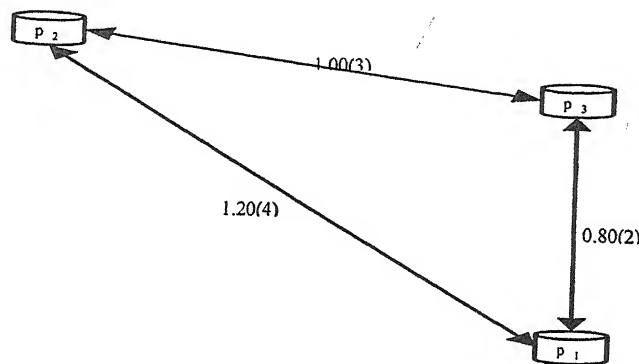


Figure- 1: Processors Graphs

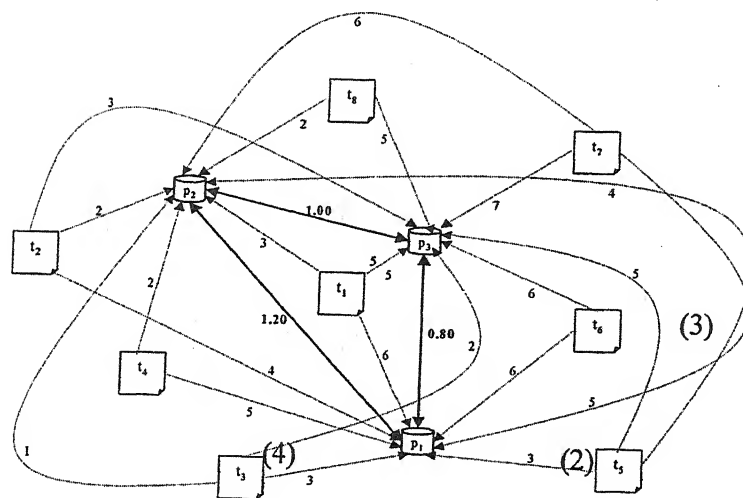


Figure - 2: Tasks Execution Graph

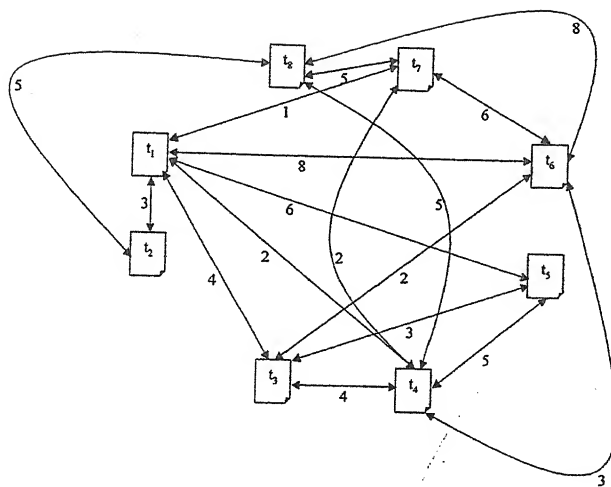


Figure – 3: Inter Tasks Communications Graphs

Step-1

On converting its matrix representations, we have,  $m = 8$ ,  $n = 3$ ,

ETM(.) =

	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
$t_1$	6	3	5
$t_2$	4	2	3
$t_3$	3	1	2
$t_4$	5	2	$\infty$
$t_5$	3	4	2
$t_6$	6	$\infty$	6
$t_7$	5	6	7
$t_8$	$\infty$	2	5

	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$t_4$	$t_5$	$t_6$	$t_7$	$t_8$
$t_1$	0	3	4	2	6	8	1	0
$t_2$	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
$t_3$	4	0	0	4	3	2	0	0
CTM(.) = $t_4$	2	0	4	0	5	3	2	5
$t_5$	6	0	3	5	0	0	0	0
$t_6$	8	0	2	3	0	0	6	8
$t_7$	1	0	0	2	0	6	0	5
$t_8$	0	5	0	5	0	8	5	0

## Step-2

Obtain the sum of each row and column of ETM (.), as:

$$Sum\_Row = \begin{matrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 & t_5 & t_6 & t_7 & t_8 \\ 14 & 9 & 6 & 7+\infty & 9 & 12+\infty & 18 & 7+\infty \end{matrix}$$

$$Sum\_Column = \begin{matrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ 32+\infty & 20+\infty & 30+\infty \end{matrix}$$

### Step-3

We partitioned the matrix ETM (,) to define the first sub problem ETM (1,) by selecting rows corresponding  $t_3, t_4, t_8$  and second sub problem ETM (2,) by selecting rows corresponding  $t_2, t_5, t_6$  and on the basis of the Sum\_Column, by deleting columns corresponding  $p_1$ , and after the selecting the remaining two tasks  $t_1, t_7$  to form the last sub problem ETM (3,), as there were only two tasks, for which we required two processors. So that the modified matrices are as;

Sub Problem-I:

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	
ETM (1 , ) =	$t_3$	3	1	2	Sub
	$t_4$	5	2	$\infty$	
	$t_8$	$\infty$	2	5	

Problem-II:

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	
ETM (2 , ) =	$t_2$	4	2	3	
	$t_5$	3	4	2	
	$t_6$	6	$\infty$	6	

and, Sub Problem-III:

		$p_2$	$p_3$	
ETM 3( , ) =	$t_1$	3	5	
	$t_7$	6	7	

### Step-4 & 5:

On applying modified Hungarian method devised by Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c] to assign the tasks, on the basis of  $\min \{r_i\}$  and  $\min \{c_j\}$  from execution time matrices for every  $i$  and  $j$ . We put  $r_{ij} = 0$  and  $c_{ij} = 0$ , for every  $i$  and  $j$ . So that, the modified matrices for each sub problem are mentioned below:



Sub Problem-I:

		p <sub>1</sub>	p <sub>2</sub>	p <sub>3</sub>
NETM (1,) =	t <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0
	t <sub>4</sub>	5	0	∞
	t <sub>8</sub>	∞	0	5

Sub Problem-II:

		p <sub>1</sub>	p <sub>2</sub>	p <sub>3</sub>
NETM (2,) =	t <sub>2</sub>	4	0	3
	t <sub>5</sub>	3	4	0
	t <sub>6</sub>	0	∞	6

and, Sub Problem-III:

		p <sub>2</sub>	p <sub>3</sub>
NETM (3,) =	t <sub>1</sub>	0	0
	t <sub>7</sub>	0	7

Step-6, 7& 8:

After implementing assignment process, the solution set, of the each of sub problem, the allocation is thus obtained.

Solution for the Sub Problem-I:

Tasks →	Processors	ET
t <sub>3</sub> →	p <sub>3</sub>	02
t <sub>4</sub> →	p <sub>1</sub>	05
t <sub>8</sub> →	p <sub>2</sub>	02

Solution for the Sub Problem-II:

Tasks →	Processors	ET
t <sub>2</sub> →	p <sub>2</sub>	02
t <sub>5</sub> →	p <sub>3</sub>	02
t <sub>6</sub> →	p <sub>1</sub>	06

Solution for the Sub Problem-III:

Tasks →	Processors	ET
$t_1 \rightarrow$	$p_3$	05
$t_7 \rightarrow$	$p_2$	06

Step-9:

After implementing the process, we obtain the following set of complete assignments along with execution and communication times of each processor.

Processor → Tasks	PET()	PCT()
$p_1 \rightarrow t_4, t_6$	11	43
$p_2 \rightarrow t_2, t_7, t_8$	10	26
$p_3 \rightarrow t_1, t_3, t_5$	9	25

Step-10:

PET () := 30  
PCT () := 94  
Etime := 124

Step-12:

Stop.

### 3.2.5 Conclusion

The model discussed in this problem provide an optimal solution for assigning a set of "m" tasks of a program to a set of "n" processors where  $m > n$  in a communication system that to minimize the overall time of the system and the load of all allocated tasks on all the processors evenly balanced. The communication time and execution time on different processors has been obtained.

Processors of communication system	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
Execution time of each processor PET(.)	11	10	09
Communication time of each processor PCT(.)	43	26	25
Total time of each processor time(.)	54	36	34

The model addressed in this problem is based on the consideration of execution and communication times of the tasks to the processors. Keeping in view we suggested a modified method to assign all the tasks as per the required availability of processors so that none of the tasks get remains unexecuted and the present approach does not require to adding dummy processors. The algorithm is capable to improve the performance of the given communication system by optimally assigning the tasks to various processors of the system. The final results of the problem considered in the implementation of the algorithm are mentioned as,

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>→ Processors</i>	<i>ET</i>	<i>CT</i>	<i>Ttime</i>	<i>Etime</i>
$t_4; t_6$	$\rightarrow P_1$	11	43	54	
$t_2; t_7; t_8$	$\rightarrow P_2$	10	26	36	124
$t_1; t_3; t_5$	$\rightarrow P_3$	09	25	34	

The model discussed here, would be useful to the network system designer working in the field of distributed communication systems. The developed model is programmed in C++ and implemented the several sets of input data to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the algorithm. It is recorded that the model is suitable for arbitrary number of processors with the random program structure.

### 3.2.5.1 Comparison

The run time complexity of the algorithm is measured  $O(6mn-n^2)$  time. Here it is concluded that it remains same as [KUMA 1998, YADA 2002]. Our time complexity is better than  $O(m^2 n)$  of [SAGA 1991] and  $O(n^m)$  to [PENG 1997, RICH 1982]. The performance of the algorithm is compared with that of [SAGA 1991] and [PENG 1997, RICH 1982] and result in both cases, i.e. when tasks increases against the fixed processors and the case in which the tasks remain fix, while increase in processors are shown below:

**Case-1: For fixed processors  $n = 3$**

<i>Taks</i> <i>m</i>	$O(6mn - n^2)$ <i>Present - Alg</i>	$O(m^2 n)$ [SAGA1991]	$O(n^m)$ [PENG1997, RICH1982]
5	81	75	243
6	99	108	729
7	117	147	2187
8	135	192	6561
9	153	243	19683
10	171	300	59049

**Case-2: For fixed tasks  $m = 10$**

<i>Pr ocessors</i> <i>n</i>	$O(6mn - n^2)$ <i>Present - Alg</i>	$O(m^2 n)$ [SAGA1991]	$O(n^m)$ [PENG1997, RICH1982]
3	171	300	59049
4	224	400	1048576
5	275	500	9765625
6	324	600	60466176
7	371	700	282475249
8	416	800	1073741824

### PROBLEM-III

#### A NEW APPROACH FOR ASSIGNMENT IN CS: BASED ON TASKS WEIGHT

##### 3.3.1 Objective

Consider a communication system which consist a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  of "n" processors, interconnected by an arbitrary network. A set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  of "m" tasks is considered at hand to be executed on "n" processors. The Task Execution Time [TET] of these tasks on all the processors is given in the form of Task Execution Time Matrix [TETM (.)] of order  $m \times n$ . The Task Weight (WT) are taken in the form of a linear array named as Task Weight Matrix [TWM (.)], which is of order m. In

order to make the best use of the resources of these systems for that we would like to distribute the load on each processor in such a way that allocated load on the processors should be evenly balanced.

### 3.3.2 Proposed Method

Since the number of task are more than the number of processors, so that we divide the problem of unbalanced tasks assignment in to sub problems, which are to be balanced tasks assignment problems. First of all arrange the weights of the tasks in descending order and store the result in a linear array namely,  $wt\_seq()$ . Select the first set of tasks, (this set of tasks shall contain only as many tasks as the number of processor in the communication system) on the basis of the  $wt\_seq()$  array. Store the result in to  $TETM(, ,)$  a two dimensional array. Repeat the process until remaining tasks are either less than or equal to the number of processors. If the tasks are equal to the processors of the communication system then it will becomes the last sub problem, else to form the last problem we have to add dummy task (s) to make it square matrix. Assignment of these tasks for each sub problem, we apply the Kumar et al algorithm [KUMA 1995c]. For each sub problem we calculate the task exaction time and store the result in a linear array  $TET(j)$  where  $j= 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Finally, obtain the  $Etime$ , which is the product of  $TET(j)$  and  $WT(j)$ , ( $j=1, \dots, n$ ). It is the total optimal time for the complete assignments.

$$TET(j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n TET_{ij} x_{ij} ;$$

$$Etime = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n WT_j * TET_{ij} x_{ij} \right\} \right]$$

where,  $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{th} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{th} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

### 3.3.3 Algorithm

To given an algorithmic representation to the proposed method as discussed above of this chapter, we consider a system which consist a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processor and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  executable tasks which are to be processed by any one of the processor of the system.

- Step-1:  
Input:  $m, n, TETM(), TWM()$
- Step-2:  
Arrange the weight of the task in descending order and store the result in  $wt\_seq()$  array.
- Step-3:  
Partitioned the execution time matrix  $TETM()$  of order  $m \times n$  to sub matrices such that the order of these matrices become square i.e. number of row should be equal to number of column. Partitioning to be made as mentioned in the following steps.
- Step-4.1:  
Select the  $n$  task on basis of  $wt\_seq()$  array i.e. select the ' $n$ ' task corresponding to most minimum weight to next minimum, if there is a tie select arbitrarily.
- Step-4.2:  
Store the result in the two dimensional array  $ETM()$  to form the matrices for the sub problems.
- Step-4.3:  
If all the tasks are selected then go to step 4.7 else steps 4.4
- Step-4.4:  
Repeat the step 4.1 to 4.3 until the number of task become less than  $n$ .
- Step-4.5:  
Add dummy task in order the make last sub problem as balanced problem.
- Step-4.6:  
Store the result in the two dimensional array  $TETM()$ , which is a last sub problem.
- Step-4.7:  
List of all the sub problems formed through Step 4.1 to 4.6 and repeat step 5 to step 11 to solve each of these sub problems.
- Step-5:  
Find the minimum of each row of  $TETM$  and replace it by 0.
- Step-6:  
Find the minimum of each column of  $TETM$  and replace it by 0.
- Step-7:  
Search for a row in  $TETM$ , which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.



Step-8:

Search for a column in TETM, which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.

Step-9:

Check whether  $nar = n$  if not then pickup an arbitrary 0 and assigned task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position, else, Check column (s) position of 0's in unassigned row(s). Check the row(s) for any previous assignment in the corresponding column(s). Find the minimum of the entire elements for the remaining rows and replace it zero, go to Step-7; else Step-10.

Step-10:

Evaluate Task Execution Time [TET ()].

Step-11:

Execution Total Time [Etime] is thus calculated as:  
 $Etime = ET * WT$

Step-12:

Stop.

### 3.3.4 Implementation Of The Algorithm

Consider a communication system which is consisting a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of "n = 3" processors connected by an arbitrary network. A set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6, t_7, t_8\}$  of "m = 8" executable tasks which may be portion of an executable code or a data file. The tasks are different in nature and size so as the weights of tasks are defined. The weights of the tasks are given in Task Weight Matrix TWM (,) of order 1 x 8 The execution time per unit weight of the tasks on various processor is mentioned in Task Execution Time Matrix, namely, TETM (,) of order 8 x 3.

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
$t_1$		6	3	5
$t_2$		4	2	3
$t_3$		3	1	2
$t_4$		5	2	$\infty$
$t_5$		3	4	2
$t_6$		6	$\infty$	6
$t_7$		5	6	7
$t_8$		$\infty$	2	5

		weights	
	$t_1$	70	
	$t_2$	90	
	$t_3$	30	
TWM(.) =	$t_4$	20	
	$t_5$	40	
	$t_6$	50	
	$t_7$	60	
	$t_8$	20	

### Step-2

The weights of the tasks are arranged in descending order and store the result in wt\_seq () linear array.

$$wt\_seq = \begin{matrix} t_4 & t_8 & t_3 & t_5 & t_6 & t_7 & t_1 & t_2 \\ 20 & 20 & 30 & 40 & 50 & 60 & 70 & 90 \end{matrix}$$

### Step-3

We partitioned the matrix TETM (.) to define the first sub problem TETM (1,) by selecting rows corresponding  $t_4, t_8, t_3$  and second sub problem TETM (2,) by selecting rows corresponding  $t_5, t_6, t_7$  and by the selecting the remaining two tasks  $t_1, t_2, t_d$ , to form the last sub problem TETM (3,). Where as  $t_d$  represent the dummy task that is required to be adding to the last sub problem TETM (3,), to make it balance problem. So that the modified matrices are as;

#### Sub Problem-I:

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	
	$t_4$	5	2	$\infty$	
TETM (1 ,) =	$t_8$	$\infty$	2	5	
	$t_3$	3	1	2	

#### Sub Problem-II:

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	
	$t_5$	3	4	2	
TETM (2 ,) =	$t_6$	6	$\infty$	6	
	$t_7$	5	6	7	

and, Sub Problem-III:

$$\text{TETM}(3,.) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_1 & 6 & 3 & 5 \\ t_2 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ t_d & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

Step-4 & 5:

On applying modified Hungarian method devised by Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c] to assign the tasks, on the basis of  $\min \{r_i\}$  and  $\min \{c_j\}$  from task execution time matrices for every  $i$  and  $j$ . We put  $r_{ij} = 0$  and  $c_{ij} = 0$ , for every  $i$  and  $j$ . So that, the modified matrices for each sub problem are mentioned below:

Sub Problem-I:

$$\text{TETM}(1,.) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_4 & 0 & 0 & \infty \\ t_8 & \infty & 0 & 0 \\ t_3 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{array}$$

Sub Problem-II:

$$\text{TETM}(2,.) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_5 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ t_6 & 0 & \infty & 0 \\ t_7 & 0 & 6 & 7 \end{array}$$

and,

Sub Problem-III:

$$\text{TETM}(3,.) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ t_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ t_d & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

Step-6, 7& 8:

After implementing assignment process, the solution set, of the each of sub problem, the allocation is thus obtained.

Tasks → Processors	ET	WT	Total Time
Solution for the Sub Problem-I:			
$t_4 \rightarrow p_1$	5	20	100
$t_8 \rightarrow p_2$	2	20	40
$t_3 \rightarrow p_3$	2	30	60
Average Time			100
Solution for the Sub Problem-II:			
$t_5 \rightarrow p_2$	4	40	160
$t_6 \rightarrow p_3$	6	50	300
$t_7 \rightarrow p_1$	5	60	300
Average Time			300
Solution for the Sub Problem-III:			
$t_1 \rightarrow p_2$	3	70	210
$t_2 \rightarrow p_3$	3	90	270
Average Time			270

Step-9:

After implementing the process, we obtain the following set of complete assignments along with execution and communication times of each processor.

Processor → Tasks	PET()	Optimal Execution Time
$p_1 \rightarrow t_4, t_7$	400	630
$p_2 \rightarrow t_1, t_5, t_8$	410	
$p_3 \rightarrow t_2, t_3, t_6$	630	

Step-10 & 11:

Etime: = 630

Step-12:

Stop.

### 3.3.5 Conclusion

The model discussed here provide an optimal solution for assigning a set of "m" tasks of a program to a set of "n" processors where  $m > n$  in a communication system that to maximize the overall time of the system and the load of all allocated tasks on all the processors evenly balanced. The model addressed here is based on the

consideration of task execution time to the processors. The task weights are also defined that represent their nature, size, etc. Keeping in view we suggested modified method to improve the performance of communication system by assigning all the tasks as per the required availability of processors so that none of the tasks get remains unexecuted and the present approach does not require to adding dummy processors, however dummy task may be added if the last sub problem contains less task as compare to processor. The final results of the problem considered in the implementation of the algorithm are mentioned as,

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>→ Processors</i>	<i>Ttime</i>	<i>Etime</i>
$t_4; t_6$	$\rightarrow p_1$	400	
$t_1; t_5; t_8$	$\rightarrow p_2$	410	630
$t_2; t_3; t_6$	$\rightarrow p_3$	630	

The model discussed here, would be useful to the network system designer working in the field of communication systems and other related systems such as computing system, computer communication networks, distributed systems etc. The developed model is programmed in C++ and implemented the several sets of input data to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the algorithm. It is recorded that the model is suitable for arbitrary number of processors with the random program structure.

## PROBLEM-IV

### RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT OF CS: MATRIX PARTITIONING APPROACH

#### 3.4.1 Objective

The objective of this problem is to maximize the total execution reliability by allocating all the tasks optimally to the communication system. For that purpose we

considered execution unreliability and uses the method of matrix partitioning. The Execution Unreliability (EUR) is presented by an array in the form of Execution Unreliability Matrix EURM (,) of order  $m \times n$ . A procedure is then formulated to assign the tasks to the processors of the communication systems based on execution unreliability and is to be designed so that the overall reliability becomes optimized. This problem presented a modified method to assign all the tasks as per the required availability of processors so that none of the tasks get remains unexecuted as number of tasks is more than number of processors.

### 3.4.2 Technique

For developing the technique we have form the sub problems using matrix partitioning i.e. each of the sub problem is of the type of balanced assignment problem. Devising a method to assign all tasks to the processors and formulating the unreliability function to measure EUR. Since the number of task is more than the number of processors, so that we divide the problem of unbalanced tasks assignment in to sub problems using matrix partitioning, this gives us balanced tasks assignment problems. First of all obtain the product of each row and each column except, the position where, the unreliability is zero (zero unreliability should be kept aside with the product of row or column) from the EURM(,) and store the results into Product\_Row() and Prouct\_Column(), each of them are one dimensional arrays. Select the first set of tasks, (this set of tasks shall contain only as many tasks as the number of processor in the communication system) on the basis of minimum unreliability against the tasks in the Product\_Row() array. Store the result in to EURM ( , , ) a two dimensional array. Repeat the process until remaining tasks are either less than or equal to the number of processors. If the tasks are equal to the



processors of the systems then it will become the last sub problem, else to form the last problem we have to delete the column (processor) from EURM(, ) on the basis of Product\_Column( ) array i.e. this set shall contain only as many processors as number of tasks left, so that we delete the processors that have maximum unreliability in the Product\_Column( ) array. For allocation purpose a modified version of row and column assignment method devised by Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c] is employed which allocates a task to a processor where it has minimum execution unreliability. For each sub problem calculate the execution unreliability of each processor and store the result in a linear array PEUR(j) where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$$PEUR(j) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n eur_{ij} x_{ij} \right\} ;$$

where,  $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , and

### 3.4.3 Algorithm

Consider a communication system, which consists a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processor and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  executable tasks which are to be processed by any one processor of the system.

Step-1:

Input:  $m, n, ERM(,)$ .

Step-2:

Obtain the product of each row of the EURM(,) in such a way that, if any unreliability(ies) is (are) zero then keeping it aside along with product amount of that row (just to avoid the condition  $EUR * 0 = 0$ .) Store the results in one-dimensional array Product\_Row( ) of order  $m$ .

Step-3:

Obtain the product of each column of the EURM(,), in such a way that if any unreliability (ies) is (are) zero then keeping it aside along with

product of that column (just to avoid the condition  $EUR * 0 = 0$ ). Store the results in one-dimensional array  $Product\_Column(.)$  of order  $n$ .

Step-4:

Partitioned the execution unreliability matrix  $EURM(.)$  of order  $m \times n$  to sub matrices such that the order of these matrices become square i.e. number of row should be equal to number of column. Partitioning to be made as mentioned in the following steps.

Step-4.1:

Select the  $n$  task on basis of  $Product\_Row(.)$  array i.e. select the ' $n$ ' task corresponding to most minimum product to next minimum product, if there is a tie select arbitrarily. (For the cases in which product is  $EUR * 0$ , minimum value depends only  $EUR$  and the impact of zero is to be neglected).

Step-4.2:

Store the result in the two dimensional array  $EURM(,.)$  to form the sub matrices of the sub problems.

Step-4.3:

If all the tasks are selected then go to step 4.7 else steps 4.4

Step-4.4:

Repeat the step 4.1 to 4.3 until the number of task become less than  $n$ .

Step-4.5:

Select the remaining task say  $r$ ,  $r < n$ , select the  $r$  processors on the basis of  $Product\_Column(.)$  array i.e. the processors corresponding to the most maximum product to next maximum, if there is a tie select arbitrarily (for the cases in which product is  $EUR * 0$ , maximum value depend only  $EUR$  and the impact of zero is to be neglected).

Step-4.6:

Store the result in the two dimensional array  $EURM(,,)$ , which is a last sub problems.

Step-4.7:

List of all the sub problems formed through Step 4.1 to 4.6 and repeat step 5 to step 11 to solve each of these sub problems.

Step-5:

Find the minimum of each row of  $EURM(,.)$  and replace it by 0.

Step-6:

Find the minimum of each column of  $EURM(,.)$  and replace it by 0.

Step-7:

Search for a row in  $EURM(,.)$ , which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.

Step-8:

Search for a column in  $EURM(,.)$ , which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.

Step-9:

Check whether  $nar = n$  if not then pickup an arbitrary 0 and assigned task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position, else, Check column (s)

position of 0's in unassigned row(s). Check the row(s) for any previous assignment in the corresponding column(s). Find the minimum of the entire elements for the remaining rows and replace it zero, go to Step-7; Else Step-10.

Step-10:

Evaluate Execution Unreliability [EUR]

Step-11:

Execution Reliability (Ereliability) is thus calculated as:

Ereliability = 1 - EUR

Step-12:

Stop.

### 3.4.4 Implementation

#### Example

Consider a system which consists a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$  of 5 tasks and a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of 3 processors, where,

Step-1: Input: 5, 3

	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
$t_1$	0.03	0.04	0.06
$t_2$	0.07	0.02	0.08
$t_3$	0.02	0.09	0.06
$t_4$	0.03	0.07	0.02
$t_5$	0.08	0.05	0.04

Step-2:

Obtain the product of each row and column of EURM (.), i.e. the products of each row and each column are as:

	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$	$t_4$	$t_5$
Product_Row()	0.000072	0.000112	0.000108	0.000042	0.000160
Product_Column()	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$		
	0.0000001008	0.0000002520	0.0000002304		

Step-3:

We partitioned the matrix EURM (, ) to define the first sub problem EURM (, ) by selecting rows corresponding to  $t_2, t_3, t_5$  and second sub problem EURM (, ) by selecting rows corresponding to the tasks  $t_1, t_4$  and by deleting columns corresponding to  $p_1$ . So that the modified matrices for each sub problems are as;

Sub Problem-I:

$$EURM(1,) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_2 & 0.07 & 0.02 & 0.08 \\ t_3 & 0.02 & 0.09 & 0.06 \\ t_5 & 0.08 & 0.05 & 0.04 \end{array}$$

and, Sub Problem-II:

$$EURM(2,) = \begin{array}{c|cc} & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_1 & 0.04 & 0.06 \\ t_4 & 0.07 & 0.02 \end{array}$$

Step-4 & 5:

On applying modified Hungarian method devised by Kumar et al [KUMA 1995c] to assign the tasks, on the basis of  $\min \{r_i\}$  and  $\min \{c_j\}$  from unreliability matrices for every  $i$  and  $j$ . We put  $r_{ij} = 0$  and  $c_{ij} = 0$ , for every  $i$  and  $j$ . On applying this to all sub problems, the modified matrices for each sub problem are mentioned below:

$$EURM(1,) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_2 & 0.07 & 0.00 & 0.08 \\ t_3 & 0.00 & 0.09 & 0.06 \\ t_5 & 0.08 & 0.05 & 0.00 \end{array}$$

$$EURM(2,) = \begin{array}{c|cc} & p_2 & p_3 \\ \hline t_1 & 0.00 & 0.06 \\ t_4 & 0.07 & 0.00 \end{array}$$

Step-6, 7&8:

After implementing assignment process, the allocation is thus obtained.

<i>Tasks</i>	$\rightarrow$	<i>Processors</i>	<i>EUR</i>
$t_1$	$\rightarrow$	$p_2$	0.04
$t_2$	$\rightarrow$	$p_2$	0.02
$t_3$	$\rightarrow$	$p_1$	0.02
$t_4$	$\rightarrow$	$p_3$	0.02
$t_5$	$\rightarrow$	$p_3$	0.04

Step-9:

EUR := 0.0000000128

Ereliability := 0.9999999872

Step-10:

Stop.

### 3.4.5 Conclusion

Maximizing the reliability of any system is one of the major parameter to enhance its performance. So that the present algorithm suggested here is capable for maximizing the overall reliability of communication system through task allocation. In these system tasks are allocated in such a way that their individual reliability of processing is optimized as well as it improve the overall reliability. In this approach not only that the loads of each processor get evenly balanced and none of the task gets unprocessed. This problem provide an optimal solution for assigning a set of "m" tasks of a program to a set of "n" processors where  $m > n$  for a communication system, that is to maximize the overall reliability of the system; the load of all allocated tasks on all the processors is evenly balanced. The execution unreliability and reliability of different processors has been obtained.

Processors	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>
Execution unreliability of each processor PEUR (,)	0.02	0.0008	0.0008
Execution Unreliability [EUR]	0.0000000128		
Total Reliability [Ereliability(,)] = (1-EUR)	0.9999999872		

The final result of Example is as:

Tasks	→	Processors	EUR	ER
$t_3$	→	$p_1$		
$t_1 * t_2$	→	$p_2$	0.0000000128	0.9999999872
$t_4 * t_5$	→	$p_3$		

This problem provides the optimal solution for improving the reliability and also deals the performance on the bases of maximizing system reliability.

## PROBLEM-V

### OPTIMIZING THE EXECUTION TIME OF CS: THROUGH CLUSTERING

#### 3.5.1 Objective

The main objective of this problem is to minimize the total program execution period by allocating the tasks in such a way that the allocated load on each processor should be evenly balanced. The model utilized the mathematical programming technique for execution of the module considering that each module to be executed through all the processors. The Execution Time and Inter Tasks Communication Time are considered for developing the algorithm. The impact of Inter Processor Distance also considered and it is mentioned in the Inter Processor Distance Matrix [IPDM (,)] of the order n. The ET and ITCT are presented by arrays in the form Execution Time

Matrix [ETM (,)] of order  $m \times n$  and Inter Tasks Communication Time Matrix [ITCTM (,)] of order  $m$ .

### 3.5.2 Technique

Since the number of task are more than the number of processors, so that it is required to form the clusters of tasks. To forming the cluster of tasks arrange the upper diagonal value of ITCTM (,) in descending order and store the result in a linear array maxct() also store their respective positions in two dimensional array pos(.). The maximum number of tasks in a cluster shell be governed by the formula  $nt = \lceil m/n \rceil$ , where  $nt$  is the number of tasks in a cluster. Select the first value of maxct() and its corresponding positions from pos(.) say,  $(t_i, t_k)$  and store the  $cl(i, j)$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \text{no. of cluster}$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, nt$ . if  $j < nt$  then pickup the next value from maxct() and its corresponding positions from pos(.) say,  $(t_i, t_k)$  select the task form this combination which not already exist in  $cl(i, j)$  say,  $t_l$  and store the same in  $cl(i, j)$ . This process continues until the entire cluster to be formed. Some of the tasks, which are not involved in any cluster, are known as isolated tasks. Assign these clusters and isolated tasks by using the KSY Algorithm [KUMA 1995c]. Calculate the exaction time and inter tasks communication time with processor distance of each processor and store the result in a linear array pet(j) and pitctpd(j) respectively where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$$pet(i) = \sum_{j=1}^m e_{ij} x_{ij}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Where } x_{ij} = 0, \text{ if } t_i \text{ and } t_j \text{ are on the same processor.} \\ 1, \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$pitctpd(j) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_{ij} * d_{ij} x_i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Where } x_i = 1, \text{ if } t_i \text{ is on the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor.} \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$



Finally, sum up the value of  $\text{pet}(j)$  and  $\text{pitctpd}(j)$ , ( $j=1, \dots, n$ ) and store the result the  $\text{ttbp}(j)$  and pickup the maximum value of  $\text{ttbp}(j)$  i.e.  $\text{tostbp}$  called as total optimal system time for busy period.

### 3.5.3 Computational Algorithm

The method discussed here is to determine the tasks allocations in communication systems based on the following components.

- Determine the initial allocation
- Determine the cluster of  $m-n$  tasks
- Determine the final allocation
- Computation the total system time of busy period.

### 3.5.4 Algorithm

To given an algorithmic representation to the technique mentioned in the previous section, let us consider a system in which a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3 \dots t_m\}$  of "m" tasks is to be executed on a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3 \dots p_n\}$  of "n" available processors.

Step-1:      Input:  $m, n$ ; //  $m$  is the number of modules of a task,  $n$  is the number of processor//  
                  Input:  $\text{etm}()$ ; // matrix to hold the execution time of each task to each processor//  
                  Input:  $\text{itctm}()$ ; // matrix to hold the Communication time amongst the tasks//

Step-2:       $\text{maxct}() \leftarrow 0$ ; // linear array to store the inter task communication time//  
                   $i_{\text{task}}() \leftarrow 0$ ; // linear array to store the tasks for initial assignment//  
                   $l_{\text{task}}() \leftarrow 0$ ; // linear array to store the remaining tasks for initial assignment//  
                   $\text{bmin} \leftarrow 0$ ; // Variable for selecting the best minimum//  
                   $T_{\text{ass}}() \leftarrow 0$ ; // linear array to hold the tasks in order to assignment made//  
                   $T_{\text{non-ass}}() \leftarrow 0$ ; // linear array to store the non assigned tasks//  
                   $\text{nomade} \leftarrow 0$ ; // variable for counting the number of the assignment made//

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alloc()←0;//linear array to hold processor's position in order of assignment//
msr()←0;//linear array to hold processor mean service rate//
trp()←0;//linear array to hold the throughput of the processors//
mst()←0;// linear array to hold processor mean service time //
pos(),←0;//to dimensional array to hold to the corresponding position of maxct()//
cpos(),←0;// to dimensional array to hold to the position of common element //
netm(),←0;//operational matrix for execution time//
nictm(),←0;// operational matrix for inter task communication time //
ttask()←0;//linear array to store the total number of task to the processors//

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Step-3:

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for i ← 1 to n do
    for j ← 1 to n do
        store the etm(,) in netm(,) as
        netm(,)← etm(,)
    repeat
repeat
for i ← 1 to n do
    for j ← 1 to n do
        store the itctm(,) in nictm(,) as
        nictm(,)← itctm(,)
    repeat
repeat

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Step-4:

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set k ← m (m-1)/2

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Step-5:

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for i ← 1 to m do
    for j ← 1 to k do
        arrange the upper diagonal values of nictm(,) in non-ascending
        order and store the result in maxct(), until j = k
    repeat
repeat

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Step-5.1:

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for i ← 1 to k do
    for j ← 1 to 2 do

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                                store the combinations of tasks of maxct() in pos(.)
                                repeat
repeat
Step-5.1.1:    nt←0
                                set count ← m/n
Step-5.1.2:    nt←count
                                for i ← 1 to m do
                                        for j ← 1 to k do
                                                pick-up the maximum value of maxct() and
                                                check the corresponding combination in pos(.),
                                                say(tj,tk)
                                                if nt=count
                                                        then
array cli()                                store the cluster in a linear
                                                else
                                                        if pos(i,j)<pos(i,k)
                                                                nmax ← pos(i,j), until j=k
                                                                repeat for i
                                                                nmax < pos(i,k), until j=k
                                                        endif
                                                check the corresponding combination of
                                                nmax in pos(.), say(tj,tk), store the cluster
                                                in a linear array cli()
                                        repeat
repeat
                                nt ← nt+count
Step-5.1.3:    set k ← (m-nt(m-nt)-1)/2
Step-5.1.4:    modify the pos(.) by deleting the combination and reduce maxct()
                                by eliminating the corresponding values.
                                modify the nectm(.) by adding the ith and kth rows together, also
                                modify the nitctm(.) by adding the ith and kth rows and then column,
                                remove kth rows from nectm(.) and kth column from nitctm(.)
                                goto Step-5.1.2.

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Step-6:      for k ← 1 to n do
               for j ← 1 to n do
                   find out minimum of  $k^{th}$  rows, say  $mr_{kj}$ , of  $netm(i,j)$  lying in  $j^{th}$ 
                   column and subtract  $mr_{kj}$  from all the values of  $k^{th}$  rows
               repeat
           repeat
Step-6.1:    for j ← 1 to n do
               for k ← 1 to n do
                   find out minimum of  $j^{th}$  column, say  $mc_{kj}$ , of  $netm(i,j)$ 
                   lying in  $k^{th}$  row and subtract  $mc_{kj}$  from all the values of  $j^{th}$ 
                   column
               repeat
           repeat
Step-7:      for k ← 1 to n do
               for j ← 1 to n do
                   row in  $netm(.,)$  has only one zero at position (1,2)
                   assign task  $t_1$  to  $p_2$ ;
                   allock(k) ← j; allock(2)
                   nomade ← nomade + 1; nomade = 1
                    $t_{ass} \leftarrow t_{ass} \cup \{t_k\}; \{t_1\}$ 
               repeat
           repeat
Step-7.1:    for j ← 1 to n do
               for k ← 1 to n do
                   search for a column in  $netm(.,)$ , which has only one zero,
                   say at position  $(k,j)$ ; assign task(s) corresponding to  $k^{th}$ ,
                   say,  $t_k$ , row to  $p^{th}$  processor, say  $p_j$ ,
                   allock(k) ← j
                   nomade ← nomade + 1
                    $t_{ass} \leftarrow t_{ass} \cup \{t_k\}$ 
               repeat
           repeat

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Step-8:      if nomade  $\neq$  n
              then
                  pick-up an arbitrary zero,
                  go to Step-7
              else
                  go to Step-7.1
              endif

Step-8.1:    check column(s) position of zero(s) in unassigned row(s) check the row (s)
              any previous assignment in the corresponding column(s) store the positions
              of the common elements in cpos(.), say (i,j), find the minimum element of
              all the elements of the remaining rows, say minij, subtract minij, from these
              elements add minij, at the common positions and then go to Step-6.

Step-9:      for k  $\leftarrow$  1 to m do
              for j  $\leftarrow$  1 to n do
                  compute the etij by summing-up th value of etij for each processors
                  and store the result in a linear array pet(j)

                  compute the mean service rate of the pth processor, say pj, stored in
                  alloc(k) for the assigned tasks corresponding to kth, say tk, in tass()

                  msr(j) $\leftarrow$ 1/pet(j)

              repeat
          repeat

Step-9.1:    for j  $\leftarrow$  1 to n do
              Compute the maen services time of the processors and store the
              result in a linear array mst(j)

              mst(j) $\leftarrow$ 1/msr(j)

              repeat

Step-9.2:    for i  $\leftarrow$  1 to n do
              pcount $\leftarrow$ 0

              for j $\leftarrow$  1 to m do
                  compute the processor's throughput and store the result in
                  a linear array trp(i) as,

                  if i = alloc(j)

                  then
                      pcount $\leftarrow$  pcount+1
                  else

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                                next j
                                endif
                                ttask(i) ← pcount
                                repeat
                                trp(i) ← ttask/mst(i)
                                repeat
Step-10:   tcc ← 0
                                for i ← 1 to m do
                                for j ← 1 to n do
                                compute the itct for each processor as,
                                pcc() ← tcc + itctm(i,j)
                                repeat
                                repeat
Step-11: for j ← 1 to n do
                                compute the total busy time for each processor
                                tpbt() ← pet() + pct()
                                repeat
                                and select the maximum value from tbpt()
                                tost ← max{tpbt()} // tost is the total system time
Step-12: Stop.

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### 3.5.5 Implementation

Consider a communication system which is consisting of a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of "n = 3" processors connected by an arbitrary network. The processors only have local memory and do not share any global memory. A set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6, t_7, t_8\}$  of "m = 8" executable tasks which may be portion of an executable code or a data file.

$$ipdm(,) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{array}{ccc} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{array} & \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$etm(,) = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ \begin{array}{c} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \\ t_5 \\ t_6 \\ t_7 \\ t_8 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ \infty \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ \infty \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ \infty \\ 2 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$itctm(,) = \begin{array}{c|ccccccccc} & t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 & t_5 & t_6 & t_7 & t_8 \\ \begin{array}{c} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \\ t_5 \\ t_6 \\ t_7 \\ t_8 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \\ 8 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 8 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 8 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$



$$Cluster = cl(i, j) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 : t_1, t_6, t_8 \\ 2 : t_3, t_4, t_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

tasks  $t_2$  and  $t_7$  are not involved in any cluster known as isolated tasks. After applying the KSY [KUMA 1995c] algorithm the final allocations are

Tasks	Processor	Time taken by the tasks for execution on particular processor
$t_1$	$P_3$	5
$t_2$	$P_1$	4
$t_3$	$P_2$	1
$t_4$	$P_2$	2
$t_5$	$P_2$	4
$t_6$	$P_3$	6
$t_7$	$P_1$	5
$t_8$	$P_3$	5

Execution time of each processor       $pet() = (9, 7, 16)$

Inter tasks communication time with inter-processor distance of each processor       $pitctpd() = (48, 74, 106)$

Total time of busy period of each processor       $ttbpt() = (57, 81, 122)$

Maximum value of  $ttbpt()$        $= 122$

Tostbp (i.e. total optimal system time for busy period)       $= 122$

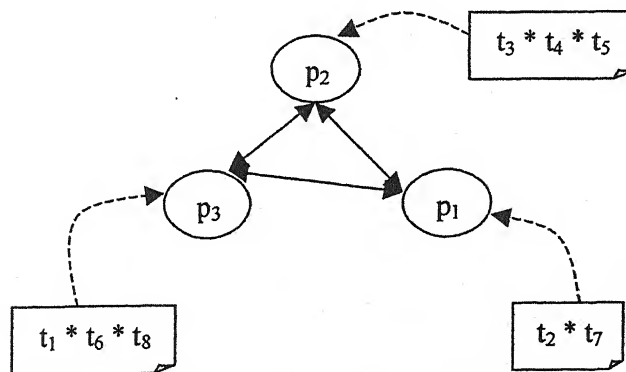
### 3.5.6 Conclusion

The model discussed here provides an optimal solution in a Communication System to maximize the overall throughput and the balanced load of all allocated tasks on each processor. This approach forms the clusters before making the assignments in the example mentioned in the implementation. Two clusters have been formed of containing three tasks. There is two tasks are not involved in any of the cluster treated as isolated tasks. The Inter Task Communication Time with Inter

Processor Distance and Execution Time on different processors has been obtained. The total optimal system cost for busy period in the example mentioned in the body of the chapter is found 122 units. The final results are shown in the following table:

Processor → Tasks	Pet()	Pitctpd()	ttbpt()	Tostbp
$P_1 \rightarrow t_2, t_7$	9	48	57	122
$P_2 \rightarrow t_3, t_4, t_5$	7	74	81	
$P_3 \rightarrow t_1, t_6, t_8$	16	106	122	

The graphical representation of the optimal assignment has been shown in the figure-4. Out of two clusters one goes to processor  $p_2$  while the other to processor  $p_3$ . The isolated tasks are executed on processor  $p_1$ . The total optimal system time for busy period is 122 units which include the impact of the processor distance and inter tasks communication time. The developed model is programmed in C++ and implemented the several sets of input data are used to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the algorithm. It is found that the model is suitable for arbitrary number of processors with the random program structure.



**Figure 4: Optimal Assignment Graph**

## **TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH**

### **4.1. TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS**

1. A research paper entitled, **"Evaluation of Improved Reliability of Distributed Computing Systems using Mathematical Programming"** Published GAMS Journal of Mathematical Bio Sciences, Vol. 3 (1) pp. 88-96, 2007
2. A research paper entitled, **"Evaluation of Optimal execution time of Computer System by Exhaustive Search Approach"** Research Link -32 Vol-V(7) pp. 12-15 September-November 2006
3. A research paper entitled, **"Evaluation of Optimal Time of Computer system Using Exhaustive Search Approach"** presented at the National Seminar on Mathematics and Computer Sciences at Muzaffarnagar from 29-30 Nov.2005.
4. A research paper entitled, **"Evolving the Strategy for Optimizing the time of Distributed Computing System using Matrix Partitioning Approach"** presented at the Seminar on Current trends in Mathematics and Computation at BIT, Noida on 01-12-2005.
5. A research paper entitled, **"Evaluation of Improved Reliability of Distributed Computing Systems using Mathematical Programming"** presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Gwalior Academy of Mathematical Sciences and National Symposium on Applicable Mathematics to Engineering and Technology, Raghogarh (Guna) from 22-23 April 2006.
6. A research paper entitled, **"Evolving the Strategy for Optimizing the time of Distributed Computing System using Matrix Partitioning Approach"** communicate to RdE Journal of Mathematical Sciences.

#### 4.2. FUTURE SCOPE

The present research work entitled "TO STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES AND THEIR APPLICATION TO EVOLVE SOME ALGORITHM FOR PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" is devoted to the optimization techniques, communication systems, task allocation and other directly related to the issues. Task assignment of any communication system is a most computing interesting and demandable research problem. Various methodologies and techniques are available in the literature to solve such problems. Keeping in view, the importance and necessity of performance evaluation of communication system, the future aim of study would be to develop some algorithms and techniques regarding the following problems.

- Developing new techniques & their algorithm for minimizing the delays among various processors of communication systems.
- Developing new techniques & their algorithm for proper utilization of the processors of the communication system to avoid overloading the processors.
- Developing the algorithm for assignment.
- To devise some approaches to evaluation of the performance of communication system.
- Developing some of the dynamic algorithms for assignment policy and its implementation on various fields of daily life.
- Developing the criterion for forming the clusters has to be taken into consideration and its implementation.
- Use of genetic algorithm may provide some interesting solutions for such types of problems.
- Use of neural algorithm may also provide some good solutions for such types of problems.

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# Evaluation of Improved Reliability of Distributed Computing Systems Using Mathematical Programming Approach

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**Abstract:** Reliability is the extent to which a measurement procedure yields the same results on repeated trials. Without reliable measures, scientists cannot build or test theory and, therefore, cannot develop productive and efficient procedures for improving the quality of life. Reliability analysis for any distributed computing system is the current necessity and most important area of research. There are number of ways to improve the reliability of the distributed computing system. Optimising the reliability through task allocation is one of the problems in this category. Reliability is the assessment we make of how much measurement error we have experienced in processing our data. The problem presented in this article is based on the consideration of execution unreliability of the tasks to the processors. The main objective of this problem is to minimise the overall processing unreliability by allocating the tasks optimally to the processors of the distributed computing system using the method of matrix partitioning. Several sets of input data are considered to test the complexity and efficiency of the algorithm. It is found that the algorithm is suitable for arbitrary number of processors with the random program structures and workable in all the cases.

**Keywords:** Mathematical programming approach, Task allocation, Distributed computing systems.

## Introduction

The main incentives for choosing distributed computing systems are higher throughput, improved reliability and better access to a widely communicated web of information. The increased commercialisation of communication computing systems means that ensuring system optimal

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reliability is of critical importance. Inherently, a distributed computing system is more complex, therefore, it is very difficult to predict its performance. Mathematical modelling is the tool which plays an important role to predict the performance of distributed computing systems. Over the last several years, distributed computing systems have become popular as a very attractive option for fast computing and information processing. Distributed computing system is used to describe a system whenever there are several computers interconnected in some fashion so that a program or procedure runs on the system with multiple processors. However, it has different meanings to different systems because processors can be interconnected in many ways for various reasons. In the most general form, the word distribution implies that the processors are in geographically separate locations. Occasionally, it is also applied to an operation using multiple mini-computers, which are not a part of hardware, connected with each other and can also be connected through satellite. A user-oriented definition of distributed computing is stated [1, 2] as "The Multiple Computers utilised cooperatively to solve problems i.e. to process and maintain the large scale database of the programs which are to be executed on these types of systems". Some static [3-7] and dynamic [8-11] task allocation techniques have contributed a lot to development in software engineering as an independent area of research. Scheduling in general purpose distributed system [9] and dual processor and multi-processor scheduling with dynamic re-assignment [8] have drawn considerable attention of the researchers. Several methods have been reported in the literature, e.g. integer programming [4, 12], critical delays consideration [13] and reliability evaluation to deal with various design and allocation issues in a distributed computing system. The study of complexity of the problem of assigning the modules to the processors in computing distributed computing systems to minimise the total computational time has also discussed [9]. The other two similar algorithms [14, 15] have been reported in the literature. Peng et al. [14] used matrix reduction technique. According to the criteria given therein, a task is selected randomly to start with and then assigned to a processor. Richard et al. [15] used branch and bound method for assignment and scheduling communicating periodic tasks in a distributed computing system. Kim and Browne [16] gave an efficient method for optimal task allocations in distributed computing system owing to inter task communication effects. Due to numerous advances in the field of communication networks, a wide variety of networks have come into existence. Ethernet is often used in local area networks to allow independent devices to interconnect with one another within a relatively small physical location [17, 18]. Asynchronous Transfer Mode has been proposed for wide area networks to integrate a variety of data communication services, including voice, video and plain text [18-20]. The high-performance parallel interface was originally developed to allow mainframes and supercomputers to communicate at a very high-speed [20]. A number of heuristic methods like near clustering [21, 22] and hierarchical clustering [23, 24] perform execution and scheduling to minimise the schedule length. Module redundancy has been used for fault detection and masking [25] by running two or more copies of the module. Module execution is done in a distributed computing system dynamically. However, if each copy of the module is allowed to complete then the degradation in throughput can be substantial. The main objective of this article is to maximise the total program execution reliability by allocating the tasks in such a way that the allocated load on each processor should be balanced. For this purpose, we consider the execution unreliability of each task to each processor and design the allocation policy in such a way that total execution unreliability is minimised. The model utilised the mathematical programming technique for execution

of the module considering that each module is to be executed by the processor. The model addressed in this article is based on the consideration of execution unreliability (EUR) of the tasks to the processors. We suggested a modified method to assign all the tasks as per the required availability of processors so that none of the tasks remains unexecuted. Also, the present approach does not require adding dummy processors. The EURs presented by arrays in the form of execution unreliability matrix (EURM(.)) of order  $m \times n$ . The developed model is programmed in C and implemented. Several sets of input data are used to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the algorithm.

### Objective

The objective of this problem is to maximise the total execution reliability by allocating the tasks optimally. For that purpose we considered the execution unreliability and used the method of matrix partitioning. This problem used a modified method to assign all the tasks as per the required availability of processors so that none of the tasks remains unexecuted even when the number of tasks is more than number of processors. The EUR is presented by arrays in the form of EURM(.) of the order  $m \times n$ . A procedure is then formulated to assign the tasks to the processors of the distributed computing systems based on the execution unreliability and is to be designed in such a way that the overall reliability is optimised under the pre-specified constraints.

### Technique

For developing the technique we have formed the sub-problems using matrix partitioning i.e. each of the sub-problems is of the type of balanced assignment problem and devised a method to assign all tasks to the processors and formulating the unreliability function to measure EUR. Since the number of tasks is more than the number of processors, we divide the problem of unbalanced tasks assignment into sub-problems using matrix partitioning. This gives us balanced tasks assignment problems. First, we obtain the product of each row and each column except the position where the unreliability is zero (zero unreliability should be kept aside from the product of row or column) from the EURM(.) and store the results into Product\_Row() and Product\_Column(), each of them are one dimensional arrays. Select the first set of tasks (this set of tasks shall contain only as many tasks as the number of processors in the distributed computing system) on the basis of minimum unreliability against the tasks in the Product\_Row() array. Store the result into EURM(.,) a two-dimensional array. Repeat the process until remaining tasks are either less than or equal to the number of processors. If the tasks are equal to the number of processors of the computing system then it will become the last sub-problem, else to form the last problem we have to delete the column (processor) from EURM(.,) on the basis of Product\_Column() array i.e. this set shall contain only as many processors as number of tasks left, so that we delete the processors that have maximum unreliability in the Product\_Column() array. For allocation purpose a modified version of row and column assignment method devised by Kumar et al. [20] is employed which allocates a task to a processor where it has minimum execution unreliability. For each sub-problem, calculate the execution unreliability of each processor and store the result in a linear array PEUR( $j$ ) where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .



$$PEUR(j) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n eur_{ij} x_{ij} \right\}$$

where  $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

### Algorithm

Consider a distributed computing system which consists of a set of  $n$  processor,  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  and a set of  $m$  executable tasks  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  which are to be processed by any one of the processors of the system.

#### Step 1

Input:  $m, n$ . EURM(,).

#### Step 2

Obtain the product of each row of the EURM(,) in such a way that, if any unreliability(ies) is (are) zero then keep it aside from product amount of that row (just to avoid the condition EUR\* 0 = 0). Store the results in one-dimensional array Product\_Row (,) of order  $m$ .

#### Step 3

Obtain the product of each column of the EURM(,), in such a way that if any unreliability(ies) is (are) zero then keep it aside from product of that column (just to avoid the condition EUR\* 0 = 0). Store the results in one-dimensional array Product\_Column (,) of order  $n$ .

#### Step 4

Partition the execution unreliability matrix EURM(,) of order  $m \times n$  to sub-matrices such that the order of these matrices become square. Partitioning is to be made as follows:

##### Step 4.1

Select the  $n$  task on basis of Product\_Row (,) array i.e. select the ' $n$ ' task corresponding to the most minimum product to next minimum product, if there is a tie select arbitrarily. (For the cases in which product is EUR \* 0, minimum value depends only on EUR and the impact of zero is to be neglected.)

##### Step 4.2

Store the result in the two-dimensional array EURM(, ) to form the sub-matrices of the sub-problems.

##### Step 4.3

If all the tasks are selected then go to step 4.7 else step 4.4.

##### Step 4.4

Repeat the steps 4.1 to 4.3 until the number of tasks become less than  $n$ .

**Step 4.5**

Select the remaining task say  $r$ ,  $r < n$ , select the  $r$  processors on the basis of Product\_Column (,) array i.e. the processors corresponding to the most maximum product to next maximum and if there is a tie, select arbitrarily (for the cases in which product is  $EUR * 0$ , maximum value depends only on EUR and the impact of zero is to be neglected).

**Step 4.6**

Store the result in the two-dimensional array EURM(, ), which is the last sub-problem.

**Step 4.7**

List all the sub-problems formed through steps 4.1 to 4.6 and repeat steps 5 to 12 to solve each of these sub-problems.

**Step 5**

Find the minimum of each row of EURM(, ) and replace it by 0.

**Step 6**

Find the minimum of each column of EURM(, ) and replace it by 0.

**Step 7**

Search for a row in EURM(, ), which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter i.e.  $nar = nar + 1$  and store this position.

**Step 8**

Search for a column in EURM(, ), which has only one zero and assign the task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter that is  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position.

**Step 9**

Check whether  $nar = n$ , if not then pickup an arbitrary 0 and assign task(s) corresponding to this position. Add one to the counter i.e.  $nar = nar + 1$  and also store this position, else, check column(s) position of 0's in unassigned row(s). Check the row(s) for any previous assignment in the corresponding column(s). Find the minimum of the entire elements for the remaining rows and replace it by zero.

**Step 10**

Evaluate Execution Unreliability.

**Step 11**

Execution reliability (Ereliability) is, thus, calculated as:

$$\text{Ereliability} = 1 - \text{EUR}$$

**Step 12**

Stop.

## Implementation

Consider a system which consists of a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$  of 5 tasks and a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of 3 processors, where

### Step 1

Input: 5, 3

$$\text{EMRU}(,) = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_1 & 0.03 & 0.04 & 0.06 \\ t_2 & 0.07 & 0.02 & 0.08 \\ t_3 & 0.02 & 0.09 & 0.06 \\ t_4 & 0.03 & 0.07 & 0.02 \\ t_5 & 0.08 & 0.05 & 0.04 \end{matrix}$$

### Step 2

Obtain the product of each row and column of EURM(,), i.e. the products of each row and each column are as follows:

$$\text{Product\_Row}(,) = \begin{matrix} & t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 & t_5 \\ 0.000072 & 0.000112 & 0.000108 & 0.000042 & 0.000160 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Product\_Column}(,) = \begin{matrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ 0.0000001008 & 0.0000002520 & 0.0000002304 \end{matrix}$$

### Step 3

We partitioned the matrix EURM(,) to define the first sub-problem of EURM(,) by selecting rows corresponding to  $t_2, t_3, t_5$  and second sub-problem of EURM(,) by selecting rows corresponding to the tasks  $t_1, t_4$  and by deleting columns corresponding to  $p_1$ . The modified matrices for each sub-problem are:

#### Sub-problem I

$$\text{EURM}(1,) = \begin{matrix} & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_2 & 0.07 & 0.02 & 0.08 \\ t_3 & 0.02 & 0.09 & 0.06 \\ t_5 & 0.08 & 0.05 & 0.04 \end{matrix}$$

#### Sub-problem II

$$\text{EURM}(2,) = \begin{matrix} & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_1 & 0.04 & 0.06 \\ t_4 & 0.07 & 0.02 \end{matrix}$$



**Steps 4 and 5**

We apply modified Hungarian method devised by Kumar et al. [20] to assign the tasks, on the basis of  $\min \{r_i\}$  and  $\min \{c_j\}$  from unreliability matrices for every  $i$  and  $j$ . We put  $r_{ij} = 0$  and  $c_{ij} = 0$ , for every  $i$  and  $j$ . On applying this to all sub-problems, the modified matrices for each sub-problem are given as:

$$\text{EURM}(1,.) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{array}{ccc} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_5 \end{array} & \begin{array}{ccc} 0.07 & 0.00 & 0.08 \\ 0.00 & 0.09 & 0.06 \\ 0.08 & 0.05 & 0.00 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\text{EURM}(2,.) = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{array}{cc} p_2 & p_3 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} t_1 \\ t_4 \end{array} & \begin{array}{cc} 0.00 & 0.06 \\ 0.07 & 0.00 \end{array} \end{array}$$

**Steps 6, 7 and 8**

After implementing assignment process, the allocation is thus obtained.

Tasks	→	Processors	EUR
$t_1$	→	$p_2$	0.04
$t_2$	→	$p_2$	0.02
$t_3$	→	$p_1$	0.02
$t_4$	→	$p_3$	0.02
$t_5$	→	$p_3$	0.04

**Steps 9, 10 and 11**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{EUR} & = 0.0000000128 \\ \text{Ereliability} & = 0.9999999872 \end{array}$$

**Step 12**

Stop.

**Conclusion**

The algorithm presented in this article is capable of maximising the overall reliability of distributed computing systems through task allocation. In distributed computing system, tasks are allocated in such a way that their individual reliability of processing is optimised as well as it improves the overall reliability. In this approach, not only the loads of each processor get equally balanced but also none of the task gets unprocessed. This problem provides an optimal solution for assigning a set of  $m$  tasks of a program to a set of  $n$  processors where  $m > n$  in a distributed computing system, i.e. to maximise the overall reliability of the system, the load of all allocated tasks on all the processors is equally balanced. The execution unreliability on different processors has been obtained.

Processors	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$
Execution unreliability of each processor PEUR (,)	0.02	0.0008	0.0008
Total reliability [Ereliability(,)] i.e. (1-EUR(,))	0.9999999872		

The final result of the example is:

Tasks →	Processors	EUR	ER
$t_3 \rightarrow$	$P_1$		
$t_1 \times t_2 \rightarrow$	$P_2$	0.0000000128	0.9999999872
$t_4 \times t_5 \rightarrow$	$P_3$		

This problem provides the optimal solution for improving the reliability and also deals with the performance on the basis of maximising reliability.

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## Evaluation of Optimal Executiontime of Computer System by exhaustive search approach

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### Abstract:

The Allocation problems in any computer system play the key role for deciding the performance of the system. The allocation put the direct impact of software resources as well as hardware resources. In heterogeneous Computer systems, partitioning of the application software in to module and the proper allocation of these modules dissimilar processors are important factors, which determine the efficient utilization of resources. The static model discussed in this paper provide an optimal solution for assigning a set of "m" modules of a task to a set of "n" processors where  $m > n$  in a computer system by using an Exhaustive Search Approach for evaluation for optimal time of the system. The Impact of Communication Time has also been taken into consideration. Approach suggested in the paper defines an index based on processing time along with the communication time of the computer system. The Execution time of the tasks has been taken in the form for matrix of order  $m \times n$  named as ETM (,) and communication time has been also been taken in the form of symmetric matrix of order  $m$  named as CTM (,). The several sets of input data are considered to test the complexity and efficiency of the algorithm. It is found that the algorithm is suitable for arbitrary number of processor with the random program structure and workable in all the cases.

### Keywords:

Optimization, Computer System, Execution Time, Task Allocation.

### (1) Introduction:

Task allocation is the process of partitioning a set of programming modules into a number of processing groups, known as tasks, where each group executes on a separate processor. The general allocation problem is NP-complete.

To obtain an easy solution, it is essential to make use of heuristics approach that provides a near optimal solution in a reasonable amount of time. Hungarian approach is suggested for solving the assignment problem, but this approach is to be applicable only to  $m$ -tasks to the  $m$ -processors i.e. for balanced Assignment problem. For the unbalanced assignment problem where  $m > n$ , the Hungarian method suggest to add the dummy tasks/processors to make the effectiveness matrix square. Distributed computing systems have homogenous and/or heterogeneous processors that are connected through a communication network. It provides the capability for the utilization of remote computing resources and allow for increased level of flexibility, reliability, and modularity. Assignment in distributed system has some major advantage. Computer systems are being converted from host-centralized system to distributed systems, represented by client server model, through corporate efforts in downsizing and rightsizing. People expect much more extendibility of distributed system as workstation and personal computers are becoming more powerful and inexpensive, application which run on distributed system are increasing, and the number of users also increasing. The best-known research problem for such systems is the allocation problem, in which either system reliability is maximized or total system cost is minimized. These problems may be categorized in static [1,5,10-12,17,20,21-22,24-25] and dynamic [3-4,9,13,] assignment problems. Several other methods have been reported in the literature, such as, Integer programming [7], Branch and bound technique [18], Matrix reduction technique [20], Reliability optimization [15-16], Modeling [2,8]. The series parallel redundancy-allocation problem has been studied with different approaches, such as, Non-linear techniques [23], and Heuristic techniques [6].

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The present work suggests an exhaustive search approach for the allocation problem through index optimization. The index is based on the time of the tasks to the processors for their execution to processors and also time of communication amongst the tasks.

## (2) Definitions :

### Execution Time :

Each task  $t_i$  has an Execution Time [ET]  $ET_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ), which is the time of processing the task  $t_i$  on the processor  $p_j$ .

### Communication Time :

The Communication Time [CT]  $CT_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ) of the interacting tasks  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  is incurred due to the data units exchanged between them during the process of execution.

### Distributed Systems :

A distributed system is characterized by having processors functions, the database, or system control physically dispersed and interconnected by communication facilities.

### Assignments :

Assignment is a process in which any types of activity perform to any type of resource and time for a resource to complete an activity could be considered the effectiveness associated with using a given type of resource on a given activity.

## (3) Assumptions :

The completion of a program from computational point of view means that all related tasks have got executed and the final output has been generated after integrating the respective outputs of individual programs.

Some of the tasks have restrictions for being allocated on some particular processor(s) because of the non-availability of desired facilities, which may include, access to particular peripheral device, and high-speed arithmetic capability of the processor. The execution time of such tasks is taken to be infinite, on those processors where these tasks cannot be executed.

Whenever two or more tasks are assigned to the same processor, the communication time between them is assumed to be zero.

The number of tasks to be allotted is more than the number of processors.

## (4) Objective :

Let the given system consists of a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processors, interconnected by communication links and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  tasks. The processing execution time of individual tasks corresponding to each processor are given in the form of matrix  $ETM()$  of order  $m \times n$ . The communication time is taken in the square symmetric matrices  $CTM()$  of order  $n$  respectively. The functions to measure ET, and CT are then formulated. A procedure to assign the tasks to the processors of the distributed systems based on execution time is to be designed in such a way that the overall time is to be optimizing under the pre specified constraints. The load on each processor has been also taken care off in order to balance the load of processor.

## (5) Technique :

Let the given system consists of a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $n$  processors, interconnected by communication links and a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_m\}$  of  $m$  tasks. The processing execution time of individual tasks corresponding to each processor are given in the matrix  $ETM()$  of order  $m \times n$ . The communication time is taken in the square symmetric matrix  $CTM()$  of order  $n$ . Initially, we obtain the task combinations in order to make the set of task(s) equals to number of processor. These combinations shall be  $n * {}^m C_n$  ( $= n!$ , say) and to be store in  $TCOMB()$ . Then we obtained an index, which is based on the time of the tasks to the processors for the execution of tasks to various processors, and also time of communication amongst the task to each of the combination, the maximum value of the index shall give the optimal result. The assignment of tasks to processors may be done in different ways. To allocate the task to one of the processors, the minimum value of each row and column of  $ETM()$  is obtained. Let  $\min\{r_i\}$  represent the minimum row cost value corresponding to the tasks  $t_i$  and  $\min\{c_j\}$  represent the minimum column time value for processor  $p_j$ . These values are then replaced to 0 in  $ETM()$ . For allocation purpose a modified version of row and column assignment method of Kumar et al [14] is employed which allocates a task to a processor where it has minimum execution time. The overall assignment time [Etime] is expressed as the sum of execution time and communication time of all the tasks as follows:

$$Etime = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n ET_{ij} x_{ij} \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m CT_{ij} y_{ij} \right\} \right]$$

where,  $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ task is assigned to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ processor} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  and

$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the task assigned to processor } i \text{ communicate with the task assigned to processor } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Index = (Etime)<sup>-1</sup>

## (6) Implementation :

### Example-I

Consider a system consisting of a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}$  of 4 tasks and a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of 3 processors,

Step-1: Input: 4, 3

	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
$t_1$	8	12	7
$t_2$	9	8	11
$t_3$	12	9	6
$t_4$	10	11	12

$ETM() =$



$$CTM(.) = \begin{matrix} & t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 \\ t_1 & 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 \\ t_2 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ t_3 & 6 & 4 & 0 & 7 \\ t_4 & 9 & 5 & 7 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

Step-2:

$$TCOMB(.) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3:

$$TCOMB(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3.1-3.2:

$$ETM(.) = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_3 * t_4 & 22 & 20 & 18 \end{matrix}$$

$$NCTM(.) = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_1 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ t_2 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ t_3 * t_4 & 6 & 4 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$NETM(.) = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_1 & 8 & 12 & 7 \\ t_2 & 9 & 8 & 11 \\ t_3 * t_4 & 22 & 20 & 18 \end{matrix}$$

Step-4 & 5:

On applying modified Hungarian method devised by Kumar et al [14] to assign the task,  $\min \{r_i\}$  from  $NETM(.)$  for every  $i$ ,  $r_{13} = 7$ ,  $r_{22} = 8$ ,  $r_{33} = 18$ . Making  $r_{13} = r_{22} = r_{33} = 0$ . Again  $\min \{c_j\}$  from  $NETM(.)$  for every  $j$ , are  $c_{11} = 8$ ,  $c_{22} = 0$ ,  $c_{33} = 0$ . Making  $c_{11} = 0$ , so that, we get,

$$NETM(.) = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_1 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ t_2 & 9 & 0 & 11 \\ t_3 * t_4 & 22 & 20 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

Step-6, 7 & 8:

After implementing assignment process, the first set of the allocation is thus obtained.

Tasks	Processors	ET	CT
$t_1$	$p_1$	08	03
$t_2$	$p_2$	08	06
$t_3 * t_4$	$p_3$	18	04

Step-9:

$$ETT(1) := 34$$

Step-10:

$$CTT(1) := 13$$

Step-11:

$$Etime(1) := 47$$

Step-12:

$$Index(1) = 0.02127650$$

Step-13:

On repeating the above process, the assignments and their corresponding related values of ET, CT, Etime, and Indexes are thus obtained, which are shown in the following table-1:

Table-1: Assignment Table

S. No.	ET	CT	E time	INDEX	ASSIG-I	ASSIG-II	ASSIG-III
1	34	13	47	0.02127650	$t_1, p_1$	$t_2, p_2$	$t_3 * t_4, p_3$
2	34	17	51	0.01960780	$t_1, p_1$	$t_2, p_2$	$t_4 * t_1, p_3$
3	33	13	46	0.02173910	$t_1, p_1$	$t_3, p_3$	$t_2 * t_4, p_2$
4	33	22	55	0.01818181	$t_1, p_1$	$t_3, p_3$	$t_4 * t_2, p_2$
5	34	17	51	0.01960780	$t_1, p_3$	$t_4, p_1$	$t_3 * t_1, p_2$
6	34	22	56	0.01785710	$t_1, p_3$	$t_4, p_1$	$t_4 * t_3, p_2$
7	32	13	45	0.02222222	$t_2, p_2$	$t_3, p_3$	$t_1 * t_4, p_1$
8	32	16	48	0.02083333	$t_2, p_2$	$t_1, p_3$	$t_4 * t_1, p_1$
9	31	17	48	0.02083333	$t_1, p_2$	$t_4, p_1$	$t_1 * t_3, p_3$
10	31	16	47	0.02127650	$t_2, p_2$	$t_4, p_1$	$t_3 * t_1, p_3$
11	34	16	50	0.02000000	$t_1, p_3$	$t_4, p_2$	$t_4 * t_1, p_1$
12	34	22	56	0.01785710	$t_1, p_3$	$t_4, p_2$	$t_4 * t_1, p_1$

Step-14:

Stop.

Example-II

The results of a system which consist a set  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$  of 5 tasks and a set  $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$ , of 3 processors where,

$$ETM(.) = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ t_1 & 8 & 12 & 7 \\ t_2 & 9 & 8 & 11 \\ t_3 & 12 & 9 & 6 \\ t_4 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ t_5 & 7 & 6 & 2 \end{matrix} \quad CTM(.) = \begin{matrix} & t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 & t_5 \\ t_1 & 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 & 8 \\ t_2 & 3 & 0 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ t_3 & 6 & 4 & 0 & 7 & 9 \\ t_4 & 9 & 5 & 7 & 0 & 5 \\ t_5 & 8 & 6 & 9 & 5 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

The following tables shows the results as obtain after implementing the present algorithm



Tasks	Processors	ET	CT
$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$	18	3
$t_2$	$p_2$	8	6
$t_3 * t_5$	$p_3$	8	4

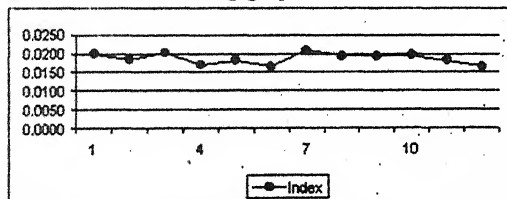
Tasks	Processors	Etime	Index
$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$		
$t_2$	$p_2$	47	0.021276595
$t_3 * t_5$	$p_3$		

### (7) Conclusions :

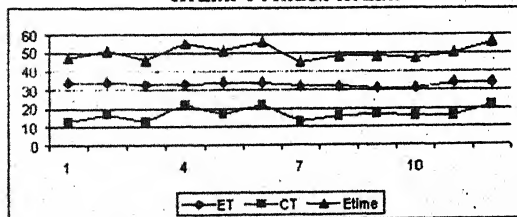
The present paper discusses an assignment problem through optimization techniques. In this paper we have chosen the problem in which number of tasks are more than the number of processors of the distributed system. The present method deals the case when the index is based on the time of the tasks to the processors for the execution of tasks to various processors and also communication time amongst the tasks. The method is presented in computational algorithmic form and implemented on the several sets of input data to test the performance and effectiveness of the algorithm. The optimal result of the Example-I giving in the paper are shown in the following table:

Tasks	Processors	Etime	Index
$t_3$	$p_3$		
$t_2$	$p_2$	45	0.02222222
$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$		

The graphical representation of the results mentioned in Table-1 of Step-12 of the implementation part of this paper are shown in the following graphs:



Graph-1 : Index Graph



Graph-2 : Execution Time Graph

The following table shows the results of Example-II given in its implementation part of 8.2 in this paper, as obtain after implementing the present algorithm:

Tasks	Processors	Etime	Index
$t_1 * t_4$	$p_1$		
$t_2$	$p_2$	47	0.0212765
$t_3 * t_5$	$p_3$		

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